

And now: Hellas v. Heidelberg



• Alan Evans

Having beaten Marconi 4-3 in the most thrilling match of the season, South Melbourne Hellas will advance to the PSL grand final if it beats arch-rival Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Trailing 0-3 at half time against Marconi, Hellas looked down and out. Hellas president Sam Pappas conceded defeat to Marconi boss Tony Labozzetta. An air of gloom hung over the stadium, and the more emotional fans were holding back their tears, waiting for the camouflaging rain. Even coach John Margaritis didn't seriously believe that escape was possible.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

But miracles do happen. They happen in sport.

The Hellas players kept their heads while those around them yielded to despair.

Captain Alan Evans led by example, out-fighting, out-thinking and outplaying Tony Henderson, Jim Cant and Ivo Prskalo as indeed, he had done in the first half. The difference was that he started scoring as well.

The first one came just at the right time — four minutes into the half, a strategic goal which stiffened the backbone of every Hellas player.

Then three more in the space of seven minutes — a thundering 30-yarder from

Arthur Xanthopoulos, a jackhammer header by Branko Buljevic and with eight minutes to go, the winner — whipped home first-time by Evans after a corner from Duncan Cummings.

Buljevic, not renowned as a physical player, was kicking, shoving, barging past opponents during this extraordinary fight-back. It was aggression and determination, shown by every one of the Hellas men that enabled them to climb this mountain.

And they didn't do it alone, for they had every one of the 4500 spectators whipping them along, cheering them on. "Hel — las, Hel — las, Hel — las!"

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Evans 49th. and 82nd., Xanthopoulos 75th., Buljevic 80th.) MARCONI 3 (Sharne 10th., Byrne penalty 19th., Krncevic 41st.), Philips League elimination final at Middle Park, Sunday, crowd about 4500.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 9, Lutton 8, Davidson 8 — Rogers 7, Cummings 7, Campbell 6 — Kakantonis 6, (Wright 9, half time), Evans 10, Buljevic 8.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Prskalo 6, Henderson 6, Cant 6 — Raskopoulos 6, Byrne 9, Mariani 8 (Lindsay 77th) — Sharne 8, Jankovics 6, Krncevic 8.

Cautions: Raskopoulos (Marc).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

Youth Cup hopes get boost

The national youth team may live, train and study together at the Australian Sports Institute in Canberra all of next year, leading up to the world youth championships in October.

And they may play as a team in the eastern zone of the national youth league to be formed regionally next season.

All members of the national squad have been offered soccer scholarships at the Institute. The Australian Soccer Federation and the Government will pay the \$4000 cost for each member.

"Living together and practicing soccer at least four hours a day at the Institute would be perfect preparation for the world championships," ASF youth development officer Brian Emery said this week.

He said he would talk it over with the squad in its four-day training camp in Canberra later this month.

The squad will take part in the Victoria Cup competition against South Melbourne Hellas, Footscray JUST, Preston-Makedonia, Croatia, Ajax, Hakoah and Juventus in Melbourne from 22 October to 18 November.

At the Sports Institute, the players will combine their course of soccer practice, theory and coaching, with whatever academic courses they choose.

These can be undertaken at the nearby Australian National University, the Department of Advanced Education or TAFE (Technical and Further Education). Those still at high school can do their Higher School Certificate.

Players no longer at school can enrol just for the soccer course and the ASF will help get them jobs in Canberra.

Either 16 or 18 places will be available in the soccer course next year. If they cannot be filled from within the youth squad, the balance will be filled from among other applicants.

Brian Emery said if enough members of the youth squad enrol, they will be entered as a team in the eastern division of the national youth league, which also will comprise the five Sydney-based PSL clubs, Newcastle KB United, Canberra City and Wollongong City.

The NSW Federation executive has recommended to its annual general meeting that the proposal of the new youth league be accepted.

It would mean the PSL clubs would field youth teams instead of Federation teams and it would involve re-organisation of the Federation competitions.

Existing youth leagues in Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide and elsewhere would be expanded and would become part of the national youth league concept, with play-offs at the end of the year between State youth champions.

Meanwhile, the Sports Institute is yet to appoint its soccer director, who would coach the boys taking the course.

National coaching director Eric Worthington and ASF president Sir Arthur George will recommend the applicant they consider most suitable to the Department of Home Affairs which will make the appointment.

Former national coach Jim Shoulder is said to be among those being considered.

Former national captain Johnny Warren also has applied.



While he wasn't busy scoring 30-metre goals, Arthur Xanthopoulos tended to his defensive duties in Hellas's 4-3 victory over Marconi. He heads clear in front of Bertie Mariani.

SLAVIA TO KEEP ITS IDENTITY

Slavia is not for sale.

Club secretary Vince French has made it clear that Slavia will retain its identity and play in the Victorian First Division next season, after being relegated from the State League.

French (pictured) dispelled speculation that the club would sell out or amalgamate.

"We will be back in the State League in 1982," he said.

"We were relegated once before, but we bounced back quickly and we will again."



MAKEDONIA FOR PSL

Fourteen or 16 clubs..... Makedonia, Olympic or Melita.....St. George in or out?

These questions are expected finally to be answered this week when the Australian Soccer Federation makes its decision on PSL promotion and relegation.

The PSL Council of Clubs voted unanimously about two months ago that the league should be increased to 16 providing it costs the present clubs no extra money.

The addition of two clubs would increase the league's air travel bill by \$40,000 but apparently Wollongong City and Preston Makedonia are willing to chip in \$20,000 each for the first year while the PSL shops around for extra sponsorship.

Wollongong already has been accepted to the 1981 PSL competition.

A new Tasmanian club, which was to have been called the Tassie Tigers, was the front-runner for the other vacancy in a 16-club league, but the Tasmanians withdrew their application last week.

A \$300,000 sponsorship deal with a hotel chain fell through when Tasmania's leading coach Ken Morton quit Rapid West Point to join Wollongong City.

Apparently the prospective sponsor had taken it for granted that Morton would be the coach of the Tigers.

With Tasmania out of the way, Victorian State League champion Preston Makedonia surely must be admitted if the league is increased in size.

This would simply restore the status quo, as the league started with four Victorian representatives which were cut back to three when Mooroolbark dropped out after the 1977 season.

The addition of Makedonia would assist the other Melbourne clubs as they would each have another crowd-pulling home match.

But there may be pressure from the State League to retain Makedonia for exactly the same reason.

Last-placed St. George and second-last West Adelaide have been relegated from the PSL and have applied for re-admission.

West Adelaide is certain to be re-admitted, but St. George may find it difficult as NSW State League champion Melita Eagles and runner-up Sydney Olympic

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Croatia tops but PSL my ambition

I suppose if Eddie Krncevic hadn't broken his leg Essendon Croatia would never have bought me from Slavia.

When Frank Burin signed me for Croatia it ended a period of decline for me as a player.

I started playing competitively in the South East County Division Two League in England when I was 15.

I had trials with Spurs and Ipswich before Ron Atkinson, now manager of West Brom, signed me as a pro for Fourth Division Cambridge United.

I scored 15 goals in 22 games for Cambridge reserves and I had three league games.

I played for the reserves mid-week and for my home town club, Saffron Walden, on the weekend.

A bloke called John Butler was at Cambridge and he had gone to Australia and played for Slavia about 10 years or so earlier.

He got me a free from Cambridge and suggested I try my luck in Australia.

To tell you the truth, I hadn't given any thought to playing over here but I thought, why not give it a go, so over I came and signed with Slavia.

I didn't know about any other club and looking back I

suppose I should thank Slavia for bringing me over here but like many other players who have been at Slavia, I wasn't as well looked after as I had been told I would be.

I had a year there, then I wanted to leave because there were lots of hassles over money.

I had arrived here as a fairly decent player but after six months at Slavia I had gone downhill.

Half way through my first season the trouble about our bonus started.

Although there was no written agreement the club had told us that we would get a \$10 bonus as part of a bonus system operating should we get into the top four.

Half way through the season we were in second spot and we thought we deserved the money so we had a players' meeting and nine out of 12 players voted not to play.

Tommy Randles was coach at the time I wanted to go and he was interested only in those who wanted to stay so I played

On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



CARL GILDER

in the reserves until Croatia signed me.

Actually I had talks with Rate Rasic at Adelaide City but they broke down when I decided to go home to get married.

You see, Rasic wanted me to stay here so that I could start training early.

Then Alan Vest at Newcastle KB United showed interest in me but Slavia slapped a \$10,000 price tag around my neck, which ended the Newcastle move.

I was glad to get away to Croatia and I haven't looked back because the club really has looked after me well and it is far more professional than most clubs.

John Gardiner is a fine coach and there is little between him and Len McKendry. John has picked up some of Len's ideas but has used many of his own.

But Victorian soccer owes a great deal to Len and his State side is one of the best sides I have played in, and that includes sides I played for in England.

With more coaches like Len in Australia the standard would rise dramatically.

I have been able to build up again as a player at Croatia and I am enjoying my soccer much more in Australia.

I was a bit green and raw-boned when I was a young pro in England and there was a lot more pressure on me over there.

Here I am regarded as a senior player and I can relax more and look forward to my game. I've never enjoyed soccer as much as I'm enjoying it now.

But I'm really desperate to get into the PSL and if I get there it will be with one of two Melbourne clubs because I've just bought a house here and I'm pretty much settled.

When I came here the playing standard was equivalent to the Southern League in England — one of the top non-league competitions.

The standard has certainly risen with the advent of the PSL and I would say, even though it's hard to make comparisons, that most PSL clubs would compare favorably with English Third Division clubs.

The standard here could be better if we had some coaches rather than the many trainers who train you on Tuesday and Thursday and think they're coaching you.

What we need is more courses for coaches — maybe then we'd do something about improving ourselves!

The soccer writers aren't too bad and in Victoria at least most of them try hard.

I know the soccer writers get a lot of criticism from players and officials but the writers have a hard enough time battling to get space in papers for soccer.

As far as I'm concerned they do all right under the circumstances.

As for the Australian team, I reckon it's got a great chance of getting to Spain in 1982.

I've heard stories about Gutterend being this but you can't deny that he's getting good results and that's what it's all about.

But I don't know the man and I only can judge him on results, so he's doing well at present.

I think that if Australia gets to Spain it might make Australians show more respect for soccer.

Croatia has come under criticism this year but most sides are terribly defensive against us and it's not easy to play against teams which pack players into the penalty area.

Most of our supporters and some of our officials can't accept defeat and all hell has broken loose at times when we've lost but you can't really knock a side which has won the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup in the same season.

Soccer in Australia has been good to me, not just financially but for enjoyment also.

I had a bad start to my career here but things are looking good for me now and I'm only 23.

I'd like to see the playing standard here improve but players must apply themselves more.

Two nights' training a week is not enough and looking at clubs like Heidelberg there can be no doubt that four nights training is a big help to a player's game.

Now that I've proved myself in the State League I've got to give the PSL a go.

That's my main aim at present.



KEN MORTON

Wollongong's gain is Rapid's loss

By WALTER PLESS

Rapid-Wrest Point is undoubtedly the best team in Tasmania. State League champions for the second successive year, Ampol Cup winners this year too, they are unbeaten after 27 league and cup games, an outstanding performance by any standard.

The players are well looked after by a dedicated group of 'back-room staff' consisting of First Aid men and team officials. Nothing is left to chance.

Rapid will miss coach Ken Morton next year. He recently has been appointed coach of new Phillips League side Wollongong City. Morton has provided a professional touch to Rapid's training. His coaching sessions are demanding yet enjoyable. They are well planned and executed and the back-up facilities are first class.

The session I attended was held on a bitterly cold, wind and rain-swept night and the ground conditions were heavy. Many a coach would have cancelled training, but not Morton.

As the players arrived, Morton ticked their names off on his attendance sheet. This, together with his written notes for the session, is meticulously accurate. Attendances at the almost 130 sessions held this season have been almost 100%.

The players received rub-downs and had any necessary strapping applied by the team's First Aid crew, led by Brian Evans. Then, after being issued with either a blue or a yellow tea-shirt, which would serve as a training bib, the players trooped onto the field.

After the 75-minute session, the players returned to hot showers and hot drinks. It is no wonder that there were no grumbles about training in the prevailing conditions. The previous evening, the players had been treated to massages and sauna.

The match day procedure highlighted both the professionalism of Morton and the superb planning and organisation that is a feature of the Rapid-Wrest Point club. The match was to be an evening one, the final of the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy and because of this a light training session was held in the afternoon. The players then reported to a hotel, which is a co-sponsor of the team, for a team meal and pre-match tactical talk.

Roy Stoneman, team manager, had everything organised, down to the last piece of steak, egg, slice of toast, and cup of tea. The atmosphere at meal time was relaxed and jovial.

The tactical talk began shortly after the meal was completed. Morton sat centre-stage, rustling his copious notes.

He outlined the game plan, dealing with every player individually, as well as the team as a whole. It was a polished exhibition.

There was plenty of individual talent and experience among the players, in all the playing departments. Peter Willis, ex-Leeds United, Larry Nunn, a Rothmans Gold Medal winner, David Smith and Mark Oakes, the two front runners, were just some of note.

The talk over, the colour television set now became the focus of attention as the BBC's "Match Of The Day" flashed onto the screen. It was to be a fitting prelude to the match the players were to take part in later that evening, Manchester United 2, Manchester City 2. After the programme, the players filed out and headed for the floodlights of Grove Road.

The dressing room was a scene of bustling but organised activity. Brian Evans and his team were hard at work on the players — massaging, strapping, encouraging. Morton did not have to say much. It already had been said. A quiet word here and there to individuals was all that was needed now.

Half-time saw the teams deadlocked at 0-0. The players and the coach were confident. While sipping drinks and having knicks attended to, the players listened to Morton's words of encouragement.

A positive attitude was prevalent. The team was playing well, chances were being created, patience and perseverance would bring results. The fact that Morton is player-coach of the team made his words ring true to the players. After all, he was out on the park with them.

In the second half, Brighton hit a purple patch and took a 2-0 lead but the Rapid machine stuck to its task. Morton, leading his team superbly by example, struck twice to level the score and take the game into extra time. That is how it stayed and Rapid's record remained intact. They lived to fight another day.

Although there was an air of disappointment at not having won, Morton consoled his players.

He thanked each one individually for his performance.

They should be pleased with their efforts, as not many teams get back from 2-0 down. The gloom began to lift.

One could see that the players retained absolute confidence in the man, both as a player and as a coach.

Regardless of what happened in the replay, Ken Morton had done his job. Wollongong's gain is definitely Rapid's loss.



Eddie Krncevic (right) and Tommy Cumming, showing off two of Croatia's many cups.

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Altona's battle is continuing

Victorian State League club Altona City could incur an administrative upheaval at its annual general meeting.

Joe Wilson, former first team coach, ended a five year association with Altona three weeks ago and although Wilson and Altona parted on good terms the former coach suggested that certain attitudes around the club will have to change if Altona is to achieve success.

"There wasn't much communication between the coaching staff and the committee," said Wilson, "especially when things became desperate toward the end of last season."

"I think there are a few people around the club who are prepared to sit back and accept that Altona has achieved its goal by becoming a State League club," he continued.

"There's not a great deal of money with which to buy players and whenever we have a promising youngster he's snapped up by wealthier clubs so it's a constant battle to keep your head above water."

"It's back to square one as far as Altona is concerned and after my time there I decided to try a fresh challenge and look for a new club."

"It's hard to get the best out of the players when you've become



Cedo Cirkovic

Cirkovic blasts Bergers over Victoria Cup

Prominent coach Cedo Cirkovic this week expressed the feeling of most of the Victoria Cup participants when he criticised Heidelberg United from withdrawing from the competition.

The reason given by Heidelberg is that it will have too many players away on the Soccerex world tour and that others want a holiday.

Cirkovic said: "It looks like coach Len McKendry only wants to play if his team is guaranteed of winning. But what about the club's young players, and the others who sit on the bench all year — Yankos, Pavlidis, Provan, Taylor, Williams, Moulas and some others? Why not give them a chance?"

"J.U.S.T. may have Lujic, Hazabent and a couple of others away on holidays, and we will let Belic play in the Australian youth team, so we will use young players."

"They will be happy to get a chance. They will try hard to show they are good players and that they want to play in the first team."

Heidelberg should do this too.

Cirkovic returned to J.U.S.T. recently and is likely to coach the team next year.

But it's too late for Heidelberg. When the club withdrew, the VSF replaced it with the national youth team which will use the tournament as preparation for competitions in Fiji and Israel later this year.

The draw for the Victoria Cup is

Olympic Park — Section A: 1st game Preston Macedonia v Juventus 7.00 pm. 2nd Game National Youth II v Footscray 8.45 pm.

Sunday 26 October at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Essendon Croatia v St. Kilda Hakoh 1.30 pm. 2nd Game South Melbourne v Green Gully 3.15 pm.

Wednesday 29 October at Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game — Footscray v Juventus. 2nd Game National Youth II v Preston Macedonia.

Sunday 2 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Green Gully v St. Kilda Hakoh. 2nd Game South

Melbourne v Essendon Croatia.

Wednesday 5 November at Olympic Park — Section A: 1st Game Juventus v National Youth II. 2nd Game Essendon Croatia v Green Gully.

Sunday 8 November at Middle Park — Section B: 1st Game Preston Macedonia v Footscray. 2nd Game St. Kilda Hakoh v South Melbourne.

Wednesday 12 November — semi-finals at Olympic Park: 1st Game winner section A v runner-up section B. 2nd Game winner section B v runner-up section A.

Sunday 16 November final at Olympic Park. Winners of Semi-Finals.

KB's appeal is successful

The "Newcastle is United" Appeal has concluded at a total of \$53,771.20 which was raised as follows:

1. Appeals committee/supporters' Club Special Activities \$17,261.71.
2. Cans/Bakery contribution \$10,000.
3. Corporate Donations:

4. Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust \$4,995.79.
5. Newcastle International Sports Centre Club's entertainment committee \$1,705.
6. Public Subscriptions and members' contributions \$12,783.70.

The Club wishes to thank the people of Newcastle for their generous support in the club's

We're taking on the cricket millions

All advocates of summer soccer should please take note of cricket's plans for this summer.

Then after digesting them, I suggest they get back to reality and concentrate on attempting to promote and market soccer in the winter — the proper season for all football, soccer included.

But back to cricket's plans, announced last week by the PBL marketing company that is marketing cricket so successfully.

In one of the most lavish promotional exercises in the history of Australian sport, PBL announced that more than \$3 million will be poured into the promotion of cricket.

The bulk of the \$3 million will be spent on television advertising to attract the fans to the games.

The players will vie for prize money of more than \$300,000.

And at the end of the season the Benson and Hedges Cricketer-of-the-year will win a gold-colored Datsun 280 ZX valued at \$20,000.

So there you have it, TV will be saturated with cricket along with a course, all the big golf tournaments and big tennis tournaments.



TOM ANDERSON

Again I say, with soccer's modest budget it will be a farce to try to take these sports on.

Sure, the advocates will say that soccer is to be played at night in the summer and will not clash with the real summer sports.

The answer to that is, that sports fans, by the time they have finished with the cricket, tennis, golf and horse racing

will want an escape from sport — not more of it in the form of soccer.

I see that the argument that New York Cosmos drew a gigantic crowd at night in the summer is still being used by the summer soccer protagonists.

Believe me there are no drawcards the Cosmos stars playing in the Philips League. Again I say, as I have said many times in the past, Rick

Booth and his marketing company should concentrate on marketing and promoting soccer in the winter.

They have not tried this and in fact it has never really been marketed or promoted properly here in the winter.

So why do they want to change seasons without having a real go? It is that we have not been given the real reason for the desire to change seasons.

Could the reason be that this is being done to introduce indoor soccer to Australia? And that the only way indoor soccer will get off the ground is to change the conventional season to summer?

It is no secret that all our top clubs would vehemently oppose their players being used midweek in an indoor competition and then having to play PSL games at the weekend.

And no indoor competition would have a hope in hell of surviving without PSL players taking part.

So to get over this difficulty, conventional soccer is to be sacrificed and moved to

summer to make way for what is hoped to be a money-drawing indoor league.

Money-drawing to whom is the question that has to be asked.

No doubt the clubs will want the answer before they vote on summer soccer in March.

And on this matter of summer soccer — played at night — what about the official attendance at last weekend's top four clash between Sydney City and Heidelberg.

The officials of the Sports Ground are adamant that there were only 1700 paying customers — so much for summer soccer played at night.

WHY CANBERRA, SAINTS STRUGGLE

St. George was once the backbone of the national team and one of the top two or three clubs in Australia. Today it is waiting nervously for news about whether it will be readmitted to the PSL after finishing last on the ladder.

Canberra City has the potential to be what St. George was in its finest years but despite an excellent stadium, solid community support and an expensive recruitment drive this year, Canberra still fails to realise its potential.

Ironically both clubs have failed for opposite reasons: St. George because it is a "closed shop", Canberra because it is too democratic.

The St. George leaders have only themselves to blame for the sad demise of the club over the past five years.

The once-great club that was instrumental in forming the Philips League, has survived in the new league only because of some last-minute guest imports like Ray Clemence, Ralph Coates and Charlie George and because of two Houdini acts by coaches Joe Vlasits in 1978 and Raul Blanco in 1979.

I joined Saints as a player in 1962. The only thing that has not changed in all that time is the committee — and there's the rub. Players and coaches have come and gone — many cutting their ties with the club completely.

Let's have a look at the ongoing exodus of coaches: Vlasits, Rasic, Arok, Johnson, Warren, Schaefer, Takac, Gelei, Blanco and now, perhaps Arok again.

Arok is not walking back to what he had in the sixties when Saints boasted great players like Abonyi, Schaefer, Ainslie, Williams, Alston, Hogg, Denton, Fraser, Harris and Utjesenovic.

He is talented enough to inspire a revival but not without first engineering a drastic restructuring of the club.

The people who founded the club have to be shown respect for what they have done in the past but I'm afraid many no longer have the time or the enthusiasm to make sure the club gets back onto the right road.

One of my problems with the club before I left in 1975 was that I argued against the fact that only Hungarians were on the committee. I argued that ability, not nationality should be the major criterion.

It is still true that the committee needs new blood and

that it must streamline its organisation.

It has been claimed that the club neglected its team this year in order to concentrate its efforts on completing the new stand at Barton Park.

But that's not true. The fact is the club spent more on the team in the past three or four years than it ever did in the past.

Traditionally, Saints have not been known as big spenders on the transfer market. They had a more or less settled team over a long period and they filled the gaps with an import here or there, and with young players coming up through the ranks — Morgan, the O'Sheas, Williams, Grosse, Jankovics, Treasure and so on.

This year, they rebuilt their team twice — once during the off-season after unloading a lot of long-serving stars, and then half-way through the year when they added Stone, Russell and Ernie Campbell.

Whereas good young players were available in abundance in the past, the present St. George team has only two of its own products — Peter Terry and Mark Bartolo.

By
JOHNNY WARREN

Too many players have been dumped unceremoniously in recent years — the O'Shea brothers, Jankovics, O'Connor, Schaefer, Hamilton, especially Abonyi.

In their places are players not good enough to lace the boots of those past stars.

Like I said, St. George has no one to blame but themselves. They have thrown a proud tradition out of the window, but it's not too late to change. I can only hope that a fresh new attitude puts St. George back where it belongs — at the pinnacle of Australian soccer.

While St. George has been too lax, perhaps too authoritarian at the top, Canberra's problem is that it is too democratic.

That's part of the reason that Canberra has been unable to get the desired results despite its big spending, its solid crowd support (when the team wins) and its good stadium.

There have been four presidents in the past four years —

Dave Dillon, Doug Holman, Charlie Perkins and Theo Moulis — and innumerable board changes.

At the moment the soccer club has control of the social club whose articles of association demand that the board must be elected every year. The only way this can be changed is if a separate soccer committee is formed to hold office for at least three years, but in doing that you run the risk of losing control of the social club.

No less than 300 members vote at the annual meetings.

With so many people involved, it is inevitable that politicking goes on — and it certainly does.

As soon as the team has a couple of bad results, one half of the members politicks against the other half to get the president, the committee or the coach out at the next elections.

The instability caused by all these undercurrents is reflected in the performance of the team.

In the latter part of the 1980 season Canberra City's biggest opponent was Canberra City itself.

Canberra has much in common with Newcastle, but they differ in one important area — stability of administration. As a result, Newcastle always gets good results at

home. Canberra on the other hand, has failed this year to get good results in front of its divided "supporters."

The establishment of Canberra City opened the way for further decentralisation of soccer. Newcastle followed now we have Woolongong City and we'll decentralise further into Geelong, Gosford, Townsville etc.

Having played the role of the pioneer, Canberra now must continue to show the way by getting success on the field.

Equipped with probably the youngest squad in the PSL, Canberra's potential is unlimited. Once these players start putting it together, and get a run on, they can become Australia's top team and they can remain at the top for a long time simply because of their youth.

But stability must come first.

Imports only way to ease drain on talent

The drain on Australian Soccer talent overseas, currently a trickle, could become a flood within the next few years.

This, the latest of Soccer's

problems, is ironic when one thinks a major problem for years has been the entry of too many imports INTO Australia.

Recent ASF legislation has almost halted the inflow of players into the country, another touch of irony there.

Although the ASF directive against world cup squad

players going overseas may delay the exodus of our top stars, once the world cup campaign ends the outflow will begin.

It seems likely to start with Gary Cole, Peter Sharpe and John Zvendorn.



MIKE JOHNSON

These may be the forerunners of many more as overseas clubs eye our ever improving players, who by world standards are dirt cheap to buy.

I doubt whether any of our current players could hold down a First Division place in top European club sides in Germany, Spain, Italy or England.

On the other hand there is good money to be made in Holland, Greece, USA and other middle standard soccer countries, where they could get a first team berth.

The same applies in Second and Third Division clubs in England and the other major soccer nations, where players earn excellent wages.

English Second Division clubs regularly pay up to \$500,000 transfer fees for players.

They could buy our very best stars for \$100,000, or at maximum \$200,000.

Although our clubs like to win trophies and are aware that star players are needed to do that, they also seem to be rather bedazzled by the big cheques being waved at them by agents of European clubs.

Certainly Heidelberg seems very willing to listen to the offers for Cole, Zvendorn and others who may follow the path of former goalkeeper, Yanka Banovic.

If our clubs do sell their top stars they must use part of the money to provide the grounds and other facilities so badly needed, and not squander it meaninglessly.

One of the few good things that may come out of the sale of our soccer cream would be the use of the money to upgrade our soccer and our stadiums.

The great danger to the code from a continuing drain of our top players would be to keep the standard at the top improving the way it has in the past four years, since the start of the Philips league.

I do emphatically believe it is the standard of our game which is holding us back far more than any other factor.

This being the case clubs must be allowed to import stars from overseas to counteract the drain of our top talent.

Spectators need stars. Soccer here needs stars if it is to grow.

If our stars are going to move to richer pastures, which inevitably they will, then we must import others to take their place.

Rothman's director of soccer coaching for Australia, Eric Worthington, said he would know that his coaching scheme was beginning to provide results when we started selling our stars overseas.

That time has now arrived. The ASF now needs to look at the situation carefully and consult with our top clubs to come up with a set of guidelines which will protect the interests of all parties concerned.

The parties concerned are the players, clubs, Australian Soccer and most of all the paying public.

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CROATIA FOR GOOD

It's long odds-on for Croatia and Makedonia to contest the final of the 1980 State League Cup on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Their clash will be preceded by the final of the Amateur League Cup between Maccabi-Hakoah and McLeod, kicking off at 1.30 pm.

Deadline requirements force me to preview a Croatia-Makedonia final without knowing the result of tonight's (Wednesday) clashes between Hakoah and Makedonia, and Croatia and Ajax.

Should Hakoah confound the critics and get to the final it will likely be at Makedonia's expense and Croatia should stroll through the final and win by a clear-cut margin.

The difference between Croatia and Makedonia and the other top four sides has been the highlight of the competition. The trend toward a head-on clash between these super teams of State League soccer should continue after tonight's games and the scene is almost set for a memorable final before an excellent crowd.

Croatia can defeat Makedonia and add the State League Cup to its Ampol and Dockery Cup victories this year.

The Carl Gilder-Noel Milton partnership is realising its potential after gaining good pre-season publicity but failing to flourish throughout the league program.

Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy are fit and join a squad brimful of talent.

Makedonia does not enjoy as much depth, especially after Gary Ward's loss last weekend when the club's leading scorer broke his left leg.

Croatia senses success and, urged on by the revenge motive after suffering two defeats from Makedonia in league games this season, Croatia can continue its dazzling form in this Sunday's final.

Whoever is dropped from Croatia's midfield can consider himself unlucky.

Joe Tront has been in fine form recently. Howard Andrews has found touch at the business end of the season, every side needs an Alan Kerr and John Gardiner's leadership is worth its weight in gold.

Where can Murphy and Cumming fit in?

Brian Edgley should have little trouble selecting his line-up because the stability of the team selection has been an important factor in Makedonia's success in 1980.

Ward's loss can be covered by George McMillan moving up front and Ljube Petrovski can come into midfield, allowing the reliable Steve Beech to slot in at left back.

Although the outcome is never assured until the final whistle, there can be no doubt about the ferocity of this encounter as both sides have players who don't mess about and if they can't win the ball they take the man instead.

If this clash is half as good as last Sunday's game it will be a great crowd pleaser.

Croatia and Makedonia should consolidate their positions at the top of the top four competition when the final preliminary round is played tonight (Wednesday) at Olympic Park.

The first match kicks off at 7pm between Hakoah and Makedonia, to be followed by Croatia v Ajax.

So far Hakoah and Ajax only make up the numbers in the competition as Makedonia and Croatia, keep on target for their collision in the final.

This situation should not change after tonight's matches and Makedonia should prove too tough for Hakoah but not before a few bodies are strewn around Olympic Park.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Hakoah's preoccupation with the physical aspects of the game was evident against Croatia last week but Makedonia can cope with such tactics.

Against Croatia Bill Jordanou went to sweeper but throughout the second half Hakoah's defence played the off-side trap and was often caught square.

Hakoah was always going to get caught out with such tactics and Makedonia should

capitalise through Rob Cullen or adventurous midfielders Jeff Faulkner and Claude Lucchesi.

It may pay Jordanou to drop off his defence and give cover to the markers for Cullen, Peter Ollerton and George McMillan.

But Makedonia should wrap up its spot in the final with a convincing win.

Croatia should take Ajax in its stride and the most interesting battle will be between

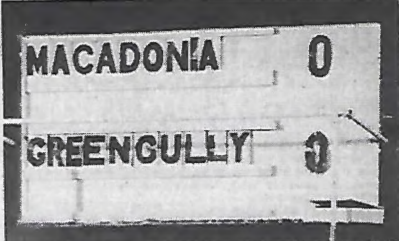
former Eire International Jimmy Dunne and former Eire youth international Noel Milton.

Dunne will have to give good cover to the markers of Milton and Carl Gilder or else Croatia's scoring spree will continue.

Milton and Gilder are tearing defences to shreds and Ajax keeper Lou Denys will have to be at his acrobatic best to maintain his side's respectability.

Bill Vojtek and Willie Vassallo were dismal failures against Makedonia last week and get the chance to atone for their poor performances here.

Croatia's midfielders, Joe Tront, Alan Kerr, John Gardiner perhaps, or Ken Murphy, should take complete control early and Croatia should continue to pile on the goals.



MACADONIA? Someone at Olympic Park can't spell

Moreland or Coburg to meet Doveton

DOVETON 2 (Irvine pen., Acevski o.g.) J.U.S.T. 1 (Simic) A.E.T. Score at full time, 1-1.

DOVETON: Ivanoff - Merrick, Thurlow, Corks, McConville - Collyer, Bentley, Campbell - McDonald, Irvine, Bradshaw. **J.U.S.T.:** Ciric (sent off 80th) - Smurgeski, Nibet, Acevski, Telavski - Curovic, Kralic, Milne, Belic - Simic, Cazzale.

An own goal in extra time enabled Doveton to defeat J.U.S.T. and move into the final of the Metro League Cup against the winner of this Saturday's semi-final at Ross Reserve, Springvale between Moreland and Coburg, kick off 2.45 pm.

Doveton striker Steve Irvine scored from the penalty spot late in the second half to take the match into extra time.

In the 40th minute Jim Milne, at the far post, headed back across goal from a cross from J.U.S.T.'s right and when Doveton's defenders failed to clear effectively J.U.S.T.'s Paul Simic slammed a fierce drive into the back of the net from three metres.

The second half was incident-packed as referee Mike Daly failed to control wild tackling and figured in controversial decisions culminating in a crucial penalty decision to Doveton and the sending off of J.U.S.T. keeper Milutin Ciric late in the game.

The onset of heavy rain suited the more physical Doveton which was rewarded for its great spirit by an own goal from J.U.S.T. sweeper Danny Acevski.

Referee Daly added to the confusion of both teams with unusual decisions and was involved in a nasty incident after the match as some J.U.S.T. players wanted to vent their disapproval of his performance. — CRAIG MACKENZIE.

PSL REFS

David Yelland returns to the Victorian panel of PSL referees for 1981.

The others are Evan Venios, Chris Bambridge and Stewart Mellings, with Denis Voutsinas and Jim Fearn as reserves.

GARY WARD BREAKS LEG

CROATIA 2 (Andrews, Kerr) MAKEDONIA 2 (Cullen, Lucchesi).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 8, Kokoska 8, Adams 7, Bilaver 7 - Tront 7, Andrews 8 (Cumming 75th), Kerr 8, Gardiner 7 (Murphy 70th) - Milton 7, Gilder 7.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - Rainey 6, Higham 7, Flaville 7, Petrovski 7 - Faulkner 5, McMillan 6, Lucchesi 7 - Cullen 7, Ollerton 6, Ward 7 (inj. Beech 37th 6).

Congratulations to the players of Croatia and Makedonia for providing a spectacle which gave the Victorian State League its best advertisement of the year!

This 2-2 draw had everything - tremendous team play, fine individual play, spectacular goals, spectacular misses, fierce tackling and a grandstand finish in which Makedonia snatched a late equaliser.

Along with 4,500 spectators I was thoroughly entertained. You've got to hand it to Makedonia because sheer persistence earned it a point when it seemed that Croatia would win.

The first 15 minutes saw a reversal of roles as the usually aggressive Makedonia was on the receiving end of ferocious tackling which culminated in an Ante Bilaver-Gary Ward clash which ended Ward's season as the Makedonia scoring ace was carried off with a broken left leg.

The incident highlighted the need for a stretcher to be placed near the field. Indeed, it was Makedonia specialist coach John Kennedy, watching the game from the grandstand, who charged down to ground level and ran into the players' race to later emerge with a stretcher for Ward.

How long do we have to wait

before officialdom sees the light and places stretchers close to the field with easy access of physiotherapists and club doctors?

Croatia was in command territorially in the opening 30 minutes but Noel Milton failed to capitalise on a great chance when Mike Rainey slipped when trying to intercept a John Gardiner through ball and Milton, with Lou Kastner to beat, shot at the Makedonia keeper who parried clear.

Makedonia stunned Croatia with the opening goal in the 28th minute.

Ward sent Cullen through and the diminutive dynamo steadied, then slotted the ball low past Peter Blasby into the far corner of goal.

Within two minutes scores were level.

Carl Gilder laid off to Joe Tront who came inside, then passed to Howard Andrews. Andrews played a one-two with Milton, ran onto the return and cracked a first-time right-foot shot past Lou Kastner, diving in vain at full stretch.

Thirty seconds after the kick-off Peter Ollerton had a close range shot saved on the line by Blasby.

The crowd was on its toes as play switched quickly from end to end.

The pelting rain which marred the second half didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players who continued to produce a hard-hitting spectacle.

Alan Kerr hammered home a thunderous left-foot shot from off the inside of the near upright to put Croatia back into the lead in the 67th minute.

Seven minutes later Makedonia's players remonstrated with referee Montom when Ollerton went down inside the area but Montom waved play on.

Ken Murphy had come on in place of Gardiner and he almost caught Kastner napping with a curled free kick in the 77th minute which Kastner tapped onto the bar, then recovered to grab the rebound.

Milton should have wrapped it up in the 80th minute when he was put through by Tommy Cumming, Andrews' replacement, but Kastner was quickly off his line and Milton failed to add to his recent goalscoring feats by shooting straight at Kastner as he had done in the first half.

When it seemed a Croatia victory was assured, up bobbed the never-say-die Claude Lucchesi to snatch a point for Makedonia.

Ljube Petrovski charged forward down Makedonia's right wing and crossed to the far post. Ollerton, under pressure from Steve Kokoska, headed back across goal to Lucchesi who seemed to have lost his chance to score but, almost unbelievably, kept going and slid down to toe-peek the ball off Blasby and inside the near post.

Lucchesi's effort typified Makedonia's attitude but Croatia should have put the

game out of Makedonia's reach well before the final 10 minutes.

MAKEDONIA 3 (Ward 2, Lucchesi) AJAX 0

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 - Rainey 7, Flaville 8, Higham 7, Petrovski 8 - Faulkner 9, McMillan 8, Lucchesi 8 - Cullen 7, Ollerton 7, Ward 7.

AJAX: Denys 8 - Hogben 7, Dunne 8, Patten 8, Smart 8 - Vojtek 5, Bennett 6, Vassallo 5 - Segi 6 (Mancinelli 75th), Bennie 6 (Orly 69th), Morrey 6.

Makedonia marched past Ajax and was content to stick away three goals in a game which petered out as Ajax went through the motions for most of the second half.

In the ninth minute the Ajax area looked like centre ring in the Moscow Circus, with bodies everywhere and arms and legs flailing as the ball kept rebounding after a series of shots which somehow were kept out of Ajax's goal.

In the 19th minute, Ajax could no longer hold out and a long ball went to Peter Ollerton who headed on to Gary Ward and Makedonia's leading scorer slammed the ball high into the back of the net from point-blank range.

Ajax could have levelled when Bill Vojtek put the ball into the net in the 32nd minute. Morrey's right foot shot past Lou Kastner but John Higham was on hand to clear off the line.

In the 38th minute Claude Lucchesi found acres of space wide on Makedonia's left and he gained possession, then curled the ball in behind a square Ajax defence to the incoming Rob Cullen who failed to tap the ball past advancing Lou Denys.

Ward was following in behind Cullen and he tapped the ball home for his and Makedonia's second goal. The game was well out of Ajax's reach now and the second half produced few thrills.

The only goal of the half came when a fine cross from the right by George McMillan went to Lucchesi on the far post who had two attempts before forcing the ball over the Ajax goal line as Lou Denys tried in vain to tap clear.

CROATIA 4 Milton 2, Gilder, Adams pen.) HAKOAH 0

CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Short 8, Adams 8, Kokoska 7, Bilaver 7 - Tront 7, Kerr 7, Andrews 8 - Milton 8, Gilder 9, Cumming 7 (Gardiner 65th).

HAKOAH: O'Hara 6 - Blair 7 (inj. Rooney 60th) Jordanou 6, Gadsby 6, Dosen 6 - Webster 6, Bennett 6, McNeil 5, Kent 6 - French 7, McChunie 6.

Hakoah spent the first 30 minutes trying to cut Croatia down to size but the Cups kept proved its superiority with a comfortable 4-0 win.

Hakoah's roughhouse tactics failed to stem the Croatia tide and Carl Gilder opened the scoring in the 34th minute when he ran onto Steve Short's long ball and coolly tapped it over the head of ad-

vaning Hakoah keeper Mike O'Hara.

Tommy Cumming made a welcome return to the State League scene but he could have made a hurried departure if any one of three or four tackles from Hakoah players had found their mark.

In the 40th minute Noel Milton put Gilder away on the right side of the Hakoah area. Chris Kent challenged Gilder from behind and referee Dixon awarded a penalty from which Keith Adams scored.

Just on half time Alan Kerr played the ball off for Cumming who shot from 12 metres. O'Hara palmed the ball out to incoming Milton who added to his impressive record scoring by tucking in a low shot.

The only goal of the second half came in the 55th minute.

Bill Jordanou fouled Gilder and Cumming took the free kick.

He chipped the ball to the near post where Gilder nodded on and Milton scored from a full-length diving header which went into the near corner.

Croatia's current form was best highlighted by a series of interpasses, 11 in all, midway through the second half.

The move started from Croatia's right back position and ended with John Gardiner playing a one-two with Milton inside Hakoah's area but the ball ran wide and Gardiner was forced to lay off to Joe Tront who chipped for the far post only to see the ball scrambled clear.

HAKOAH 1 (McClunie) AJAX 0

HAKOAH: O'Hara 7 - Gadsby 7 Dosen 7, Jordanou 7, Edmondson 8 - Bennett 7, McNeil 7, Webster 7 - McClunie 7, French 7, Gaea 7 (inj. Allison 75th).

AJAX: Denys 6 - Hogben 7, Dunne 8, Patten 8, Smart 8 (Parkin H.T.) - Vojtek 5, Bennett 6, Vassallo 7 - Segi 6, Bennie 6 (Bennie 70th), Morrey 6.

Ajax's dismal form in the State League top four competition continued with a lethargic display against Hakoah last Sunday.

Although Andy Segi had two good scoring chances in the second half Ajax showed little imagination going forward and Hakoah's defence had an easy afternoon.

Hakoah should have been four up at the break but poor finishing from Ian McNeil, Graham French and Stan Webster kept the scoreline at 1-0. Webster could have grabbed a hat trick by the end of the game but his heading let him down.

Jimmy Dunne stood head and shoulders above his teammates and without his excellent positional play, Ajax could have been thoroughly disgraced.

Richard McClunie beat Grant Smart, resulting in Smart's substitution at half time. The spindly Hakoah striker broke clear early and chipped to the far post where McClunie mistimed his header and let Ajax off the hook.

In the 28th minute French found himself clear when a cross from Hakoah's right was ineffectually cleared but the burly striker shot at Lou Denys who reacted quickly and parried well.

Three minutes later it was Mike O'Hara's turn to save well when Willie Vassallo, miles across of space open up in front of him, charged forward and from 22 metres let fly with a hard right-foot shot toward the corner of Hakoah's goal.

O'Hara was across quickly and dived at full stretch, taking the ball cleanly with a single grab.



← Gary Ward beats Croatia defender Steve Short (left) and Steve Kokoska in an aerial duel. Ward broke his left leg last Sunday.



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Acevski, not van Baar

Danny Acevski has won the Victorian Second Division best and fairest player award after all.

The Victorian Soccer Federation announced last week that although Acevski, of Footscray J.U.S.T., had polled the most referees' votes (21) he was ineligible for the award as he had been sent off during the season.

So the VSF named Tony van Baar of Morwell Falcons as the winner.

But then J.U.S.T. pointed out to the VSF that Acevski had not been sent off this year.

Rather, it was Danny Smurgeski who was sent off. LAURIE SCHWAB.

DAVIDSON AGAIN

Croatia Glenorchy star Brian Davidson became the first winner of two successive Tasmanian Rothmans medals when he polled 33 votes from 17 games to defeat Peter Davidson, George Town's sweeper.

Former Rapid-West Point player-coach Ken Morton, now manager-coach with Wollongong City, slammed the standard of Tasmanian refereeing and used the voting in the Rothmans medal to vindicate his stand.

"Their (the referees) choice of players for the Rothmans award showed how out-of-touch they are," said Morton.

Morton has swooped upon three top players in Tasmania and left for Wollongong with the signatures of Rapid sweeper Peter Willis, Rapid striker David Smith and Brighton ICL goalkeeper Robert Harrison.

Brighton winger Perry Forster could be the next target of Morton's recruit campaign.

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Channel 0 in Melbourne and Sydney will show the whole programme live from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Dunlop Sports Footwear is providing about \$10,000 cash to help meet the costs of staging the match, which kicks off at 2.30 pm.

Off-field attractions will include a family barbecue, a disco run by radio 2CA and a children's fairground. On-field entertainment starts at 11 am.

The national youth team, coached by Rudo Gutendorf will play against an All Stars team I have picked. It is: Roy Curry, Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Mike O'Shea, Harry Williams, John O'Shea, Attila Abonyi,

By JOHNNY WARREN, former Soccerroo captain

Brendan Grosse, George Campbell (from Juventus at Canberra, not South Melbourne), Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri.

There's a possibility Manfred Schaefer may play as well.

An 80-piece Army massed band will be featured, and there will be a skydiving exhibition as well as a RAAF guard dog display.

Balconen Mall will sponsor a \$750 Superstars contest featuring Tony Brennan as the soccer representative.

competing against stars of Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union.

There will be six events in the contest — two of them at half time. They are 100 metres, 800m, 400m, penalty kicks, drop or punt kicks and place kicks. Prize-money is \$300, \$200, \$150 and \$100.

Tickets to the game are available from Canberra soccer clubs, the Canberra Theatre, Thistle Kiosk at the Woden Plaza, and from John Davies at the Balconen Mall. Stand prices are \$4.50 and \$1.50 for children and pensioners and other prices \$3.50 and \$1.50.

I'm disappointed that some people are trying to ridicule the match between the youth team and the old stars. They're saying that by getting some of the "old men" to play, we're making a mockery out of the youth team.

All I can say is that if these boys go on to achieve half of what Abonyi and Corry have achieved, then our future is in good hands.

Corry, at 39, is still reserve goalkeeper at Marconi, and Abonyi, although he's restricted himself to coaching, could still play for any PSL team.

Unfortunately, the people who are making remarks about this match weren't around at the time soccer was being built up into what it is today by the likes of Corry, Abonyi and others.

I had a call from Adrian Alston in England the other day.

"Noddy" says he's keen to return to Australia to do coaching.

He currently manages a health farm in England but he has coaching qualifications and his great knowledge of the game would be a tremendous asset to any club.

Alston is one of the all-time greats of the national team. He joined English club Luton Town after starring for Australia in the 1974 World Cup finals, and went on to play for Cardiff City and Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S. before an injury forced him to retire. In the meantime he returned briefly to Australia to play for Canberra City and for the Soccerroos in their 1977 World Cup campaign.

Clubs interested in talking with Alston are welcome to ring me on Canberra 30 2488 for further details.

BRANKO ON TOP SINCE 1977

Branko Buljevic has scored eight goals in the 10 games between Hellas and Heidelberg since 1977.

He scored six of them for Heidelberg and two for Hellas after transferring there early this year.

All scores in games between the clubs since 1977:

HELLAS: 4. Rogers; 3. Cummings; 2. Buljevic; 1. Kent, Drakaford.

HEIDELBERG: 6. Buljevic; 4. Cole; 3. Taylor; 1. Provan, J. Campbell, McMillan, Paton, Yzendoorn; over goal: Rogers.

Of the 10 games, Heidelberg has won five, drawn four and lost only one, while scoring 19 goals to 11. All results since 1977 (note that Heidelberg until the start of 1979):

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Carrington 5th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Provan 5th) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Reilly 6 — P. Ye, Zanthopoulos 6, Kalfafidis 7, Hagegmanouli 5 — Gibson 5, Rogers 6, Daperia 4 (Alexiou 8th) — Cummings 6, Ollerton 6, French 4. Total: 63.

ALEXANDER: Blazy 6 — Nelson 6, O'Reilly 7, Glykaskalos 7, Provan 7, Ransford 6 (Salemides 7th), Taylor 7, P. Bannan 7 — Boziskas 6 (Kokkinos 6 half time), Buljevic 9. Total: 72.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 5 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Rogers over goal) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blazy 4 (Whitfield 5, 5th) — V. Bannan 7, O'Reilly 7, Provan 6, P. Bannan 7, McMillan 8 — Campbell 6 (Tansy 8th), Taylor 7, Boziskas 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

HELLAS: Reilly 5 — P. Ye, Zanthopoulos 5, Kalfafidis 6, Daperia 4 (Hagegmanouli 6 half time) — Mitten 6, Rogers 8, Gibson 6 —

Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 8. Total: 66.

1978 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 4th) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole 3rd) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — P. Ye, Kalfafidis 6, Baxter 7, Hagegmanouli 7 — Lutton 9, Wright 6, Rogers 6 — McGuiness 7, Ollerton 6, Kent 8. Total: 77.

ALEXANDER: Blazy 8 — McMillan 7, Provan 7, P. Bannan 8, Tansy 8 — Campbell 6, Taylor 7, Trent 6 (O'Reilly 6, half time) — Boziskas 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 8. Total: 76.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell, McMillan) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Rogers) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER: Blazy 7 — McMillan 6, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansy 9 — Taylor 9 (Injured, sub: Mirovski 6th), P. Bannan 8, Campbell 9 — Boziskas 8, Cole 8, Buljevic 9. Total: 89.

HELLAS: Reilly 6 — P. Ye, Kalfafidis 6, Baxter 6, Hagegmanouli 6 — Lutton 6, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6 (McGuiness 6, half time) — Cummings 6, Rogers 6, G. Campbell 9. Total: 70.

PHILIPS CUP SECOND ROUND FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Taylor 10th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Cummings 8th) at Olympic Park (night game).

ALEXANDER: Marner 9 — McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 9, Tansy 8 — P. Bannan 8, Taylor 8, Campbell 7 — Salemides 7 (Mirovski 9th), Cole 6, Buljevic 7. Total: 84.

HELLAS: Reilly 7 — P. Ye, Baxter 7, Munro 6, Hagegmanouli 7 — Lutton 6, Provan 6, P. Bannan 7, McMillan 8 — Campbell 6 (Tansy 8th), Taylor 7, Boziskas 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 75.

1979 HEIDELBERG UTD 2 (Buljevic 3th, Taylor 7th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Drakeford 8th, 2nd,

Cummings 7th) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — McMillan 6, O'Reilly 6, Provan 6, Tansy 6 — Rooney 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 7 — Boziskas 5 (Salemides 6th min), Cole 6, Buljevic 8. Total: 68.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 6 — Kalfafidis 7, Baxter 7 (Injured, Kyriakoulas 8, 5th min), Munro 6, Turner 6 — Lutton 5, Wright 5 (Davidson 8, half time), Cummings 6 — Drakeford 7, Evans 7, Campbell 6. Total: 69.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Taylor 3rd).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 6 — P. Ye, Kalfafidis 8, Baxter 8, Turner 7 — Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Davidson 6, Ullerton 6 — Campbell 6, Cummings 6. Total: 76.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Yzendoorn 7, P. Bannan 10, Provan 7, Tansy 8 — Campbell 9 (inj sub: Boziskas 7th), Taylor 7, Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Paton 8, Buljevic 7. Total: 88.

1980 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG UTD 0 at Middle Park.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 9 — V. Bannan 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair 8, Lutton 7 — Davidson 6 (Injured, sub: Cummings 15th), Christopoulos 8, Rogers 8 — Campbell 7, Evans 8, Buljevic 8. Total: 83.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 9, P. Bannan 8, Tansy 8 — Campbell 7, Salemides 8, Rooney 6 — Boziskas 7, Paton 8, Cole 7. Total: 82.

HEIDELBERG 1 (Paton) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Buljevic 2) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 8, P. Bannan 7, Tansy 9 — J. Campbell 8 (inj sub: Williams 8th), Salemides 7, Rooney 7 — Cole 7, Taylor 7, Boziskas 6 (inj. sub: Williams 8th). Total: 81.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumeta 6 — V. Bannan 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Davidson 10 — Rogers 8, Christopoulos 7, G. Campbell 7 — Cummings 6 (Kakatzantonis 6th), Evans 7, Buljevic 9. Total: 84.

HEIDELBERG 2 (Yzendoorn, Cole) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Rogers) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8 — McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 9, P. Bannan 8, Tansy 9 — J. Campbell 9 (inj sub: Williams 8th), Salemides 7, Rooney 8 (inj. sub: Taylor 8th) — Cole 8, Paton 8, Boziskas 7. Total: 90.

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The ball whistles past and the Marconi men stare in dismay, as they did so often on Sunday. From left: Duncan Cummings of Hellas (background), Peter Brogan, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Cant, Bertie Mariani, Branko Buljevic (Hellas) and Tony Henderson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Boden leads slick victory

SYDNEY CITY 2 (Trenter 35th, Boden pen. 39th) HEIDELBERG 0, PSL semi-final at Sydney Sports Ground, Saturday night, crowd 3457. Referee Tony Boskovic 9, yellow cards: Watson 24, Provan 39.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 9, Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Gomez 7, Bruce 7, Stevenson 8, Watson 8, Souznos 7, Spanos 8, Boden 9, Trenter 7 (Shaw 7th).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6, McMillan 7, Bannan 6, Provan 7, Tansy 7, Salemides 6, Campbell 6, (Yzendoorn 7th), Rooney 8, Boziskas 5, Paton 5, Cole 5.

Sydney City stormed into the grand final with a decisive 2-0 victory over Heidelberg at the Sydney Sports Ground, but failed to admonish the visitors with the biggest hiding in Sydney this year.

Led by Kenny Boden the Slickers asserted their superiority early in the game but failed to punch home the advantage

created. With barely 15 minutes gone, the Slickers should have had at least a couple of goals to their name.

John Spanos threatened twice then Boden fired a thunderbolt that had Oliver gasping a sign of relief as the ball skidded past the post.

Spanos should have scored in the ninth minute following a goal by Mullen and a "nod" by Trenter but did not connect properly and the chance went begging.

After the initial onslaught, City appeared to have taken the game by the scruff of the neck and started to play some controlled soccer with Stevenson, Watson and the magical feet of Boden playing havoc amongst the Bergers.

A short throw from Watson to Mullen in the 38th minute led to the inevitable first goal, but not before the biggest blunder by a goalkeeper in this encounter.

Kevin Mullen created space before crossing the ball to the far post. Mark Trenter and Jeff Oliver went up with Oliver always in a better position to collect the ball. Inexplicably he missed and Trenter's header found the corner of the goal.

Minutes later, Spanos had an opportunity to score but appeared to be pulled from the game by Bobby Provan. Tony Boskovic had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot

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GILBERT GOING?

DAVID GILBERT, Frankston City's young Reserve goalkeeper is looking for another Club.

David has represented Victoria for a number of years, including the 1979 Victorian U19 side, and was selected in the U16 Australian squad, which nearly caused an upset win in the Lion Cup Championships in Singapore.

He has had senior keeping experience with Frankston and any interested Club can contact him on 786 2112.

'Hellas, Hellas!'

From page one

When those chants started, Hellas suddenly switched into a gear it has rarely used this year. Every player seemed to hit 100 km/h.

Power was being generated everywhere — Alan Davidson coming from left back, Xanthopoulos surging through the middle, Bertie Lutton and Steve Blair pushing forward, and especially Sammy Wright, the half-time substitute whose imagination, vision and skill added a new dimension to Hellas's play.

Marconi had looked so good in the first half. Gary Byrne controlled the midfield and Peter Sharne and Eddie Krncevic were deadly in attack. Even after Hellas had recovered to 3-2, Marconi could have wrapped it up with a breakaway run by Mark Janjovics who slipped the ball square to unmarked Sharne.

Goalkeeper Peter Lawmets, who had conceded a soft goal to Sharne early in the game made amends for that slip by coming out well to block Sharne this time.

But while Marconi was impressive in the first half, it fell apart after the interval. Marking was slack and there was no mid field at all. Yet six of these players are in the national team.

And so Marconi's season will be over on Wednesday while Hellas looks good enough to win the grand final in Canberra on 28 October.

First however it must meet arch-rival Heidelberg United at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Hellas has won only one of its 10 matches against Heidelberg since the PSL started in 1977 but significantly, that victory was this year. It may also have won the Cup match two weeks later had full backs Vince Bannan and Alan Davidson played their usual attacking game rather than being used as markers.

And so this time coach Margaritis is likely to use Xanthopoulos and Blair to mark Heidelberg's strikers, Jamie Paton and Gary Cole.

Vince Bannan, who missed the game against Marconi because of an ankle injury, should recover during the week and return to the right back position.

A twin-stopper plan would leave room for only two midfielders. Billy Rogers and either George Campbell or Sammy Wright.

Although Wright had a brilliant second half on Sunday, Campbell is the more established first-team player, so Wright may again have to be content with a substitute's role.

Heidelberg, beaten 2-0 by Sydney City in their semi-final on Saturday night in front of the near-empty stands of the Sports Ground, meets Marconi tonight (Wednesday) in the replay of their drawn Philips Cup final.

For both teams it will be the third game in eight days. Heidelberg, then lines up against Hellas on the Saturday for their fourth game in 12 days — a heavy schedule even for full-time pros. Even though John Yzendoorn is back after injury, the prospects do not look good against Hellas.

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Celtic to report controversial Greek referee

By GERRY McNEE
in the Daily Star

CELTIC are to report controversial Greek referee Nikolaos Lagoyanis to UEFA for assaulting striker Frank McGarvey during an aftermatch banquet in Rumania.

I witnessed the incredible incident at the Hotel Continental in Timisoara when the FIFA-listed referee tried to provoke the player.

Immediately after I had interviewed the Celtic match official, I was invited to join Celtic players David Proven, Mike Conroy and McGarvey at their table.

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And within a minute Lagoyanis suddenly appeared beside McGarvey whom he had ordered off in Celtic's farcical 1-0 defeat in the European Cup Winners' Cup-tie on Wednesday afternoon.

Without warning, he stabbed McGarvey under the cheek with his finger, repeated the action and sneered: "You know me, you know me."

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Wisely, the Celtic player refused to retaliate, and within seconds officials from both Celtic and their opponents Politechnica had defused the situation.

Lagoyanis, involved in a near riot in Turkey last year, had sent off three players and booked five during Celtic's match — a game which was never really physical.

He had been wining and dining at a table with Rumanian officials for a couple of hours when I approached him to ask questions about his performance.

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He was more than eager to give me a blow by blow account, starting off by telling me that he was a "professor of theology in Pireaus."

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He added: "I thought most of the Celtic players were well disciplined in the second half."

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"My linesman had already brought him to my attention and I had watched him myself before booking him. He kept talking back and I had to order him off."

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I challenged Lagoyanis that he had over-reacted in all his bookings and orderings off, but he replied:

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"It was a difficult game to handle with Politechnica desperate to score a goal and Celtic equally desperate to avoid losing one. I thought the Celtic players kicked a lot in the first half, and that I did not like."

From JIM COOK  
our European  
correspondent

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Bernd Schuster, the F. C. Cologne star, is expected to sign a two-year contract with New York Cosmos with an annual payoff of 150,000 pounds. Cologne will get around 800,000 pounds.

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Arsenal made a profit of over 261,000 pounds during its last financial year. The High-bury wage bill was around 1 million pounds while four players got between 40,000 pounds and 50,000 pounds.

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Cha Bum-Keun, the South Korean who plays for Eintracht Frankfurt, is out for the season after sustaining a spinal injury against Braunschweig while the player who fouled him Jürgen Gelsdorf has been under police protection following threats to his family.

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Blackpool, English Division Three side now managed by Alan Ball, lost 250,000 pounds last season.

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Holland's soccer boss Jan Zwartkruis wants Rudi Krol now with Napoli to return to the international field and Krol who was with Vancouver Whitecaps in the summer has agreed to play in the World Cup qualifying tie with Belgium in November.

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Malcolm Allison the Manchester City manager who has long been under pressure for so long with the club has been given the all-clear to carry on unhindered until end of the season at least.

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Bristol Rovers have appointed a woman secretary. She is Marjorie Hall 20, a sister of Larry Lloyd the Nottingham Forest defender. And Rovers England youth captain Gary Mabbitt is for sale at 325,000 pounds.

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Bobby Smith who led Third Division Swindon Town to

# Schuster for Cosmos, call for Krol

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lucrative F.A. and League Cup runs last season netting about 250,000 pounds rewards, has now been axed as manager of the club.

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Bryan Hamilton, the former Everton and Northern Ireland international, has returned to Merseyside as manager of Tranmere Rovers.

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Wrexham manager Arfon Griffiths has been banned from the touchline for 17 matches and fined 250 pounds by the Welsh F.A. for using foul and abusive language and bringing the game into disrepute.

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Brighton have paid 40,000 pounds for Israeli international full back Jacob Cohen who has made 16 appearances for his country. Earlier this year Brighton signed Israeli Moshe Gariani.

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Arsenal will make a quick decision after having Norwegian international sweeper Einar Jan Aass on for private trials whether or not it will sign him. Aass is presently with Bayern Munich.

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The Football Association is to look into computer crowd control and supporters' passes to combat hooliganism.

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Ray Wilkins the Manchester United and England midfielder star is likely to be out of action until early next year with groin and abdominal problems.

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Dumped European Cup champion Nottingham Forest expects to sign a world class midfielder any tick of the clock. No name has been divulged.

**The Copa de Oro will be of special significance to Ernesto Mascheroni, 73, the only survivor of The Uruguay team that won the first World Cup in Montevideo in 1930.**

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The Copa de Oro is a tournament that marks the 50th anniversary of the World Cup.

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Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany, Italy (all world champions) and Holland (instead of England which declined) will compete for 30 December to 10 January.

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Group A comprises Uruguay, Holland and Italy. Group B is made up of Argentina, Brazil and West Germany.

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The competition will be televised world-wide and will be seen in Melbourne and Sydney on the new Channel 0.

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Ernesto Mascheroni is preparing to act as protagonist of this event, for from now on it is inconceivable for the world Press to go to Uruguay and resist the temptation of making people there talk about its delicate history.

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We asked Mascheroni how did the general public react to the fact that the concrete was still fresh on the day of the opening?

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Without any apprehension. The entrance tickets were sold many days ahead and virtually all the stadium was full by early morning. Traces of foot-prints remained in some sectors and as the scaffolding reached the upper parts of the stands, many people climbed up there to watch the matches.

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What was the training like in those days?

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I know what mine was like and believe that the others'

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training was more or less the same. I practised with the spade and shovel and did a mason's work. As the firm belonged to a relative of mine, I used to escape and play for a while and returned to mix concrete. Our captain, Nasazzi, helped build the Legislative Palace as marble cutter. Pedro Crea supplied ice in the city, which he unloaded from a cart onto his shoulder.

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What did your pay consist of?

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Basically, we got a sandwich and a root beer (non-alcoholic barley beverage) although everyone was pleased with the victories, of course, and suddenly some money, a suit, a pair of shoes would appear. But I was gratified to see people happy. I feel that in football, the major evil is an excess of money. Before it was far more a question of honour. Whether we would beat the Argentines or lose against

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them was a matter of life or death.

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By the way after the final, relations between Uruguay and Argentina were tense and they only played each other five years later in the South American championship in Lima in 1935. Seen half a century later, what happened really?

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In reality, that match continued being played since the final of the Olympic Games in 1928 when we won. And you can imagine what the atmosphere was like. Note what happened to Gardel, the biggest star of popular music from Rio de la Plata, whose popularity increased despite his death in 1934, summed up by the phrase "He sings better every day". He came over to us first to sing some tangos and then went over to the others. Well, because of this, the Argentines became annoyed and did not want to listen to him — an offence.

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The match? Tough as is appropriate for men, with a Belgian referee (Langenus) who did not know anything and everyone pretended they did not understand in order to obtain an advantage. The Argentinian team was marvellous and, in order to beat them, one had to put in a lot of effort.

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Were you ever a coach? Never! All I did was "manage" lifts in a bank where I worked until my retirement. Why coaches? Only the player can solve the problems arising on the playing field. What does a player do if he meets another who bullies him? Ask the coach?

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Which member on a team would you not like to omit?

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The masseur. But on the condition that he works as he should with coconut soap and some drops of oil.

He's 35 and still the king of Europe

THE footballer who sold Father Time a dummy, landed home last week.

Franz Beckenbauer is back from America to start again in the German First Division at 35.

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He's the only survivor of the 1966 England v Germany World Cup final who can still start at the top level and he hasn't changed at all.

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Three years in the land of T-bone steaks haven't blurred that boyish outline. There's no grey in his quiff.

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"He's looked after himself," says Alan Ball, speaking with the authority of someone who played against Beckenbauer in 1966 and was still playing against him in Vancouver this year.

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Ball, now player-manager of

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Blackpool, says: "He's learned the secret of training less as you get older, of being resigned to the younger lads running past you — and of concentrating on the sharp stuff, instead of stamina work."

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"So Beckenbauer is in great nick and he'll do the business for Hamburg because his brain, his positional play and passing are special."

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He says: "Franz was amazing when I watched him helping New York Cosmos win the Soccer Bowl. He's the sweeper goes forward when he



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wants, who hits 40 yard balls off the outside of his foot and

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who hasn't changed in appearance through the years.

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"When English players get past 30, the managers talk about replacing them. It makes the players feel old and they start letting themselves go."

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"Clough and Taylor are no mugs. I played for them and Peter Taylor told me: 'You'll last until you're 36 if you take care of your weight.'"

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"Beckenbauer has watched himself on the scales. I marvelled at him in the Bowl final. I could pass the ball — but not like him."

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"He never panics. He has time on the field, and time off for everyone. A quiet, lovely person. And he's play-

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ing football for enjoyment now because he certainly doesn't need the money."

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Yet, the money keeps showing up on Beckenbauer. The sports firm Adidas have signed him on a life contract and BP (a British firm, as the TV ads keep telling us), have snapped him up on an individual deal.

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And he picked up a New York testimonial from 71,000 fans — America's biggest crowd this season.

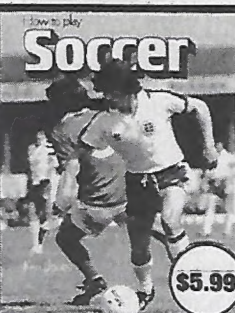
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So Franz is a millionaire, and he replaces tycoon Kevin Keegan as Hamburg's main attraction.

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He watched them contest the German League leadership at Bayer Munich, the club where Beckenbauer was everything. The World Cup,

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the European Cup, the Cupwinners' Cup, European Footballer of the Year — every medal possible is on his mantelpiece.

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That treasury is founded on a right foot that could enter for Mastermind and which is going to be around for a further two years. "Then, I'll think about planning my future, which will remain in Europe," he says.

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#### ADELAIDE CITY

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.6 Jones (26)  
7.56 Muniz (25)  
7.5 Dods (21)  
7.3 Marshall (26), Russell (22 & 1), Perin (22), Melta (20 & 1)  
7.2 B. Nyskohus (26), J. Nyskohus (25)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.3 Barnes (16)  
7.2 Northcote (10 & 4)  
7.1 Besir (9 & 2)  
7.0 Mitchell (7 & 3)  
6.8 Marocchi (13 & 3)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.8 Fashanu (5)  
7.2 Deans (5)  
7.0 Signore (1 & 1)  
6.7 Muir (3 & 2)  
6.0 Smythe (1 & 1)  
PLAYERS USED: 19

#### Goalscorers

12. J. Nyskohus  
9. Barnes  
3. Mitchell, Fashanu  
2. Northcote, Dods, Jones, Melta  
1. Muniz, Muir, Deans  
og Cowburn (Newc), Rogers (SM)

#### APIA-LEICHHARDT

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.5 Wilson (24)  
7.42 O'Connor (28)  
7.3 Woodhouse (26)  
7.2 Dempsey (21 & 1)  
7.0 McGinn (20 & 1)  
6.9 Pullen (21 & 1)  
6.5 McAusland (24 & 1)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.1 Butler (16), Morsello (13 & 5)  
6.9 Coyne (14)  
6.8 Skellern (16 & 2)  
6.4 Drews (4 & 6)  
6.2 Pirie (18)  
6.0 McKie (8 & 2)

##### 1-9 matches

- 6.9 Stones (7), O'Donnell (6 & 1)  
6.8 Harding (91)  
6.7 Samuels (2 & 4)  
6.1 Bradley (9)  
6.0 Watt (1)  
No rating: Gray (0 & 1)  
PLAYERS USED: 21

#### Goalscorers

10. O'Connor  
4. Pirie  
3. Samuels, Harding  
2. Coyne  
1. Bradley, McAusland, McKie, Morsello  
og Summerscales (Newc)

#### BLACKTOWN CITY

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.4 Pointer (22)  
7.1 Turnbull (2 & 1)  
7.0 Hunter (22)  
6.8 Harris (20 & 1)  
6.4 Wilkinson (21)  
6.3 Hormazabel

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.7 Freeman (10)  
7.4 Cuk (9 & 1)  
7.2 Selva (17), James (16)  
6.7 O'Donnell (17)  
6.6 Izaat (18), Stowell (14)  
6.5 Ortega (10 & 1), Pollard (9 & 8)  
5.4 Fisher (10 & 3)

##### 1-9 matches

- 8.0 Charlton (1)  
7.5 Dalton (2 & 2)  
7.0 Rasmussen (3 & 4), Landon (1), B. Campbell (0 & 1)  
6.5 Taylor (2)

# SCORERS AND STARS OF '80



Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon heads clear above Canberra's Sebastian Giampaolo.

#### CANBERRA CITY

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.86 Milovanovic (21)  
7.7 Cole (24)  
7.4 J. O'Shea (26), R. O'Shea (22 & 1), Wilson (21)  
7.3 Brennan (18 & 51), Giampaolo (17 & 4)  
7.2 Moulis (24)  
7.1 Maclaren (13 & 7), Byrne (21 & 1)  
6.9 Valeri (20 & 5)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.7 Stark (17)  
7.5 Williams (16 & 1), Farrell (13 & 3)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.2 M. O'Shea (6 & 1)  
7.0 Brown (1)  
6.8 Hoszowski (5)  
PLAYERS USED: 17

#### Goalscorers

8. Byrne  
7. Valeri, Giampaolo  
4. J. O'Shea  
3. Maclaren  
1. Cole, R. O'Shea, Brennan, Stark  
og Utesenovic (St. G)

#### FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.92 Boland (24)  
7.5 Kondarios (20 & 1)  
7.1 O'Reilly (21), Jovanovic (19 & 2)  
7.0 Lujic (26)

#### 10-19 matches

- 7.3 Banovic (18)  
6.7 Taylor (4 & 6)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.4 Olver (8)  
7.0 Provan (2 & 2)  
Yankos (0 & 1)  
6.0 Williams (2 & 6)  
PLAYERS USED: 16

#### Goalscorers

21. Cole  
15. Paton  
6. Campbell  
5. Bozikas  
4. Yzendoorn  
3. Rooney  
1. Selemidis

#### MARCONI

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.76 Maher (25)  
7.4 Byrne (23), Sharne (25)  
7.3 Jankovics (25 & 1)  
7.1 Prskalo (22), Krncevic (22 & 1)  
7.0 Raskopoulos (23 & 1)  
6.9 Brogan (21 & 1)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.4 Vieri (12 & 3)  
7.3 Cant (12 & 2)  
7.2 Henderson (15 & 1)  
6.9 Mariani (13 & 4), Russell (9 & 2)  
6.8 Degney (16)  
6.7 Lindsay (7 & 7)  
6.3 Muir (14 & 1)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.0 Corry (1)  
No rating: Selva (0 & 1)  
PLAYERS USED: 18

#### Goalscorers

16. Jankovics  
13. Krncevic  
8. Sharne  
7. Byrne  
2. Mariani  
1. Raskopoulos, Lindsay  
og Russell (AC) 2

#### NEWCASTLE KB UTD

- 7.88 Reaney (26)  
7.5 Bertogna (23), Drinkwater (26)  
7.3 Curran (23 & 1)  
7.2 Tredinnick (18 & 3), Heys (19 & 2)  
7.0 Jones (24)  
6.9 Mason (19 & 3)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.6 Preston (10)  
7.4 Dando (16), Senkalski (17 & 1)  
7.0 McClelland (9 & 4)  
6.9 Cowburn (9 & 1)  
6.8 Burrows (11 & 4)  
6.7 Sneddon (10 & 4)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.0 Kamasz (5 & 4), Wallace (1)  
6.9 Trenter (8)  
6.6 Summerscales (7 & 1), Deakin (4 & 3)  
No rating: H. Tredinnick (0 & 1)  
PLAYERS USED: 21

#### Goalscorers

8. Heys  
5. Jones  
3. Senkalski, McClelland  
2. Drinkwater, Trenter, Tredinnick  
1. Curran, Kamasz, Deakin, Mason, Cowburn, Burrows  
og Marshall (AC)

#### STH MELBOURNE

##### HELLAS

##### 20-26 matches

- 8.04 V. Bannon (26)  
7.7 Lutton (24)  
7.6 Campbell (24), Laumets (26), Xanthopoulos (26)  
7.2 Evans (24)  
7.1 Christopoulos (20 & 1), Rogers (24)  
7.0 Buljevic (25), Cummings (21 & 3)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.6 Davidson (17)  
7.2 Blair (14 & 1)  
7.1 Kalafatis (5 & 6)  
6.8 Wright (8 & 2)  
6.6 Kakantonis (2 & 10)  
PLAYERS USED: 15

#### Goalscorers

10. Buljevic  
8. Evans  
6. Campbell  
5. Cummings  
3. Rogers, Christopoulos  
2. Xanthopoulos, V. Bannon, Wright  
1. Kakantonis



APJA'S Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

#### ST. GEORGE BSC

##### 20-26 matches

- 7.1 Utjesenovic (20)  
6.8 Katholos (18 & 3)  
6.6 Griffiths (22)  
6.5 Duarte (20 & 1)  
6.4 McIntosh (25)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.3 Russell (14), Stone (16), E. Campbell (14)  
7.1 Barton (8 & 4), Fraser (18)  
7.0 Kay (12 & 5)  
6.5 Beggs (10 & 4)  
6.3 Hadley (9 & 4)  
6.2 Terry (17)  
6.1 Cotton (11 & 5)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.0 Skeen (9), Scharfegger (2), Ververis (2)  
6.9 Davies (8)  
6.7 Yamine (2 & 1)  
6.4 Smith (8)  
6.2 Groome (7)  
6.0 Gnavi (8 & 1), Fenoughty (0 & 2), Bulloch (0 & 1)  
5.5 Mihajlovic (4)

##### No rating: R. Fraser (0 & 1)

#### PLAYERS USED: 27

#### Goalscorers

11. Duarte  
4. Cotton  
3. Griffiths, Campbell  
Katholos  
2. Beggs, Kay, Stone  
1. Utjesenovic, Barton

#### SYDNEY CITY

##### 20-26 matches

- 8.04 Watson (24 & 2)  
7.91 Barnes (23)  
7.77 Boden (26)  
7.6 Mullen (19 & 3)  
7.5 Stevenson (26), O'Connor (21)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.4 Bruce (24)  
7.3 Spanos (23 & 2)  
6.6 Souness (14 & 9)  
7.7 Clarke (19), Thomson (11 & 1)  
7.2 Trenter (12 & 1)  
7.0 Silva (18)  
6.9 Smith (11 & 2)

##### 1-9 matches

- 7.0 Gomez (5)  
6.9 Pezzano (7 & 1)  
6.5 Borges (2 & 2)  
6.0 Patikas (2 & 3)  
No rating: Marcus Silva (0 & 6)

##### PLAYERS USED: 19

#### Goalscorers

13. Boden  
10. Barnes  
8. Stevenson  
6. Trenter  
4. Smith  
3. Spanos, Watson  
1. Borges, Souness, Mullen, Gomez

#### WEST ADELAIDE

##### 20-26 matches

- 8.0 Crook (25)  
7.2 Manecas (24)  
7.1 Bozanic (26)  
7.0 Topolanaki (22 & 1), Honeyman (26)  
6.9 McGregor (24 & 1)  
6.6 Kosmina (23)

##### 10-19 matches

- 7.1 Carruthers (16 & 2)  
7.0 Tymczyszczyn (10 & 2)  
6.8 McKie (11 & 2)  
6.6 Forde (18)  
6.5 Norris (18)  
6.2 Maricic (16 & 2)

##### 1-9 matches

- 8.0 Gale (1)  
7.0 Doorne (2 & 2)  
6.8 Doulianos (6 & 2), Atsalas (4 & 2)  
6.5 McGachey (6), Pantarsas (2)  
6.3 Totsikas (3 & 1), Key (3 & 1)  
6.0 Lorenzoni (1 & 2), Boyle (1)

##### PLAYERS USED: 23

#### Goalscorers

6. Manecas  
5. Kosmina  
3. Honeyman  
1. Atsalas, Koulianos, McGachey, Bozanic, Norris, Topolanaki, Key, Tymczyszczyn, Forde,  
og Stowell (Blacktown).



Adelaide City goalkeeper Peter Marshall makes a flying save against Newcastle.



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## TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is "Soccer Action's 1980 Team of the Year based on votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines (JAT) Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position are also shown. Voting averages are indicated. Only players who were rated in a minimum of 20 games have been included.



**Martyn  
CROOK (8.0)**  
(West Adelaide)  
7.91 Boland (Footsc)  
7.76 Maher (Marc)

Last year's team of the year:

|                                 |                             |                                  |                                   |                                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Steve<br>PERRY<br>(Brisb. City) | Ivo<br>PRSKALO<br>(Marconi) | Martyn<br>CROOK<br>(W. Adelaide) | George<br>POTTER<br>(Brisb. City) | Col<br>CURRAN<br>(Newcastle)    |
| Jim<br>CAMPBELL<br>(Heidelberg) | Ken<br>BODEN<br>(Newcastle) | Jimmy<br>ROONEY<br>(Heidelberg)  | Mark<br>JANKOVICS<br>(Marconi)    | Zdravko<br>LUJIC<br>(Footscray) |

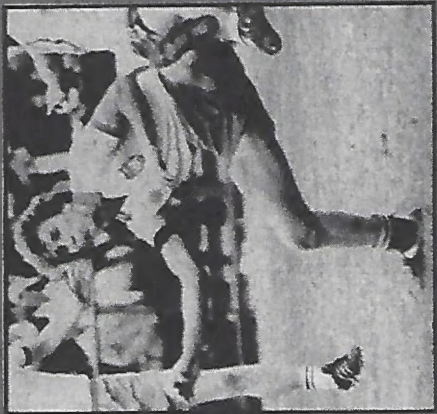
1978 team of the year: Crook (W.Ad), B. Nyakohus (Adel. C), Parry (Brisb. C), Kambas (W. Ad), Degney (Marc), Boyle (W. Ad), McGhee (W. Ad), Vee (Marc), Sharpe (Marc), Boden (Newc), Linc (Foots), Raynolds (1977 team of the year), Crook (W. Ad), Pys (Sth Melb), Hermiston (Bris. C), Wilson (West. Sub), Raynolds (W. Ad), Richards (Marc), Barnes (Syd. C), Rooney (Marc), Watson (Syd. C), Smith (Syd. C), Buljovic (H'berg).



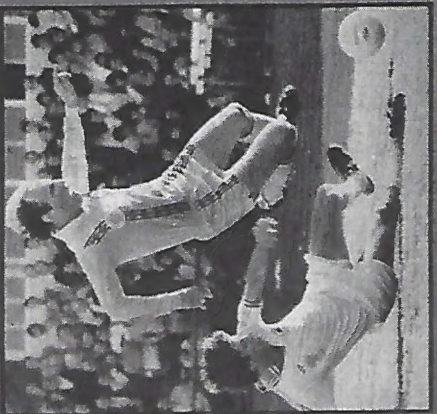
**Vince  
BANNON (8.04)**  
(Sth Melb.)  
7.78 Reaney (News)  
7.82 Ontong (BL) 7.66



**Jim  
HERMISTON (8.3)**  
(Brisb. Lions)  
7.66 Yzendoorn (H'berg)  
7.66 Lutton (Sth Melb)



**Mike  
MILOVANOVIC (7.85)**  
(Canberra C)  
7.84 Ratcliffe (BL)  
7.76 Bennett (BL)

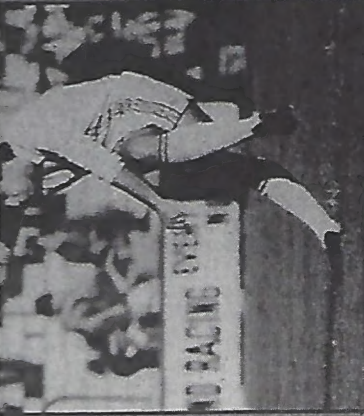


**Jim  
TANSEY (7.66)**  
(Heidelberg)  
7.5 Niven (BL)  
7.4 Bruce (SC)





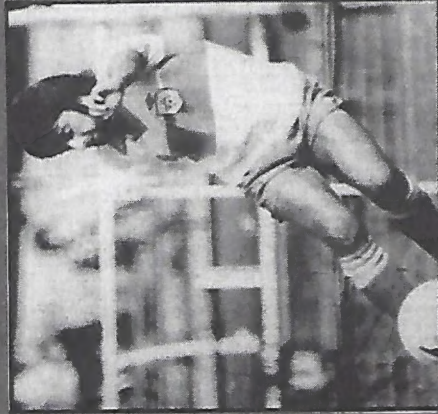
**Duncan**  
**COLE (7.7)**  
 (Canberra C)  
 7.59 Rooney (H'berg)  
 7.434 G. Byrne (Marc)



**Jim**  
**CAMPBELL (7.76)**  
 (Heidelberg)  
 7.56 Muniz (Adel C)  
 7.43 Hogg (BL) 7.38



**Murray**  
**BARNES (7.91)**  
 (Sydney City)  
 7.5 Stevenson (SC)  
 J. O'Shea (Can)



**Joe**  
**WATSON (8.04)**  
 (Sydney City)  
 7.5 G. Cole (H'berg)  
 7.21 Manecas (W. Ad)



**Ken**  
**BODEN (7.76)**  
 (Sydney City)  
 7.6 Paton (H'berg)  
 7.3 Jankovics (Marc)



**George**  
**CAMPBELL (7.62)**  
 (Sth Melbourne)  
 7.42 O'Connor (APIA)  
 7.36 Sharne (Marc)

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# YOUTH REPORT

## from COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



### Double for Heights

Sunshine Heights scored a major victory for sport in the west, recording a winning double during the Victorian Cup finals at Brighton.

U/11 Sunshine Heights 2 — Fawcner 1. The Sunshine boys were well on top in this game, but missed many chances through being over anxious. The Heights boys drew first blood through a well taken penalty kick by Andrew Marth. The player put in many good shots. Some deserved better fate. John Markovski broke through with a great shot to make it 2-0. David Galea in goal was having a good game for Heights. From one of his good saves, he was unlucky to drop the ball behind the goal line. Sunshine dominated most of the second half, Boris Basinskiy, hit the post, but missed two other easy chances. I. Markovski, three times had shots blocked by the Fawcner keeper. Best: A. Marth, D. Galea, M. Risteski, J. Papaminal.

U/12 A Sunshine Heights 1 — Knox City 0. This was a hard-fought game with neither side deserving to lose. Sunshine scored when a combination of passes between Andrew Galea and Mathew Saliba ended with the latter scoring a beautiful goal. Previous to that, Leo Krol in the Heights goal, made an acrobatic save, turning a strong shot for a corner. Knox City were piling on the pressure, and in one of their attacks Krol saved, with Knox City hitting the bar from the rebound. A. Galea and M. Saliba got Heights into attack but defenders John Scerri, Rob Dragovic and Jeff Ryan, were outstanding. In the second half D. Smith and a good shot blocked for corner, but most of the time, the entire Heights team fought well to earn a Victory for the West. Best: Andrew Galea, D. Smith, J. Ryan, R. Dragovic.



### Croydon wins thrilling final

Croydon City won the 1980 Victorian under-16 Cup after a tense battle against Makedonia which went into extra time before Croydon's Gary Ferguson scored the decisive goal for a 4-3 win.

With 10 minutes of normal time left Croydon led 2-0 through goals by Martin Camp and Guy Bekker but Makedonia fought back and scored twice in the dying moments to force the match into extra time.

Makedonia took the lead in the first half of extra time but a Rick van Buul goal and Ferguson's winner sealed Makedonia's fate.

Pictured: Croydon City's under-16's, back row: M. Wil-

son, R. Siasona, R. van Buul, L. Seel, G. Ferguson, G. Bekker. Middle row: K. Kontra (coach), M. Kerr, I. Harper, H. Meyer, D. Yates, J. van Buul (team manager). Front row: M. Camp, D. Bishop (captain), G. Long, S. Weatherstons.

### Calling all youth stars!

Victorian youth coach Bill Curran is looking for players to try out for the State under 18 team. Players born on or after 1 August 1963 can ring Bill on 534 4304.

### Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-

Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Malcolm McStay, 15 (Morwell Pegasus), Rohan Booth, 10, four goals, Antony Smith, 9, four goals, Mathew Duffy, 6, Gavin Sambell, 7 (Skye Rovers); Duncan McQuill, 13 (Fort Fairy); S. Taslos, 13, Cor Diantopoulos, 13 (St Melb Hellas); Franco Lelva, 8, four goals (Sandringham).

### Simic's transfer to pay off soon

J.U.S.T.'s 19-year-old forward Paul Simic reckons Cedo Cirkovic is an integral part of a successful J.U.S.T. side and the youngster remembers the boost in confidence he received when training under Cirkovic in 1979.

"The discipline's good when Cedo is there and my confidence was sky-high under him but unfortunately I tore ankle ligaments last year and it took me until half way through the season to recover peak fitness."

"By that time Cedo had gone but it's great to have him back because he commands so much respect from the players," said Simic.

When he was 11 Simic joined Makedonia's under-14's because the team manager wanted the youngster to develop experience by playing against older boys.

Simic played for Makedonia's under-15 and 16 sides and when he was 16 he achieved the rare distinction of captaining Makedonia's State League reserve side.

The coach then was Frank McAleer who changed the youngster from a left winger into a midfielder and gave Simic his chance to prove himself.

When McAleer left, Simic didn't get on well with the new reserve team coach and his rise to team captaincy was reversed within two weeks and the youngster found himself warming the bench.

He still played for the under-16's but it wasn't enough because he had his sights set on gaining senior selection for Makedonia.

"I was told that my relegation to substitute was temporary, to give another youngster a go," said Simic.

"Every youngster wants to make the first team and if there is no hope for him he has to go."

"Just look at Makedonia's present first team. Not one player has come up through the junior ranks," said Simic. The youngster's move pleased his father, a life-long J.U.S.T. fan, and Simic now feels at home with J.U.S.T. as he strives to become a regular in the first team.

"If I ever leave J.U.S.T. it will be the finish of my effort to establish myself at the highest club level in Australia," he said.

Simic played most of this season in J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team with the majority of his PSL experiences confined to the substitutes' bench.

"You wouldn't believe the difference between Second Division and the PSL because the PSL is so much faster and classier."

"It takes quite a few games to become adjusted to the large gap between the leagues and it doesn't help when you are expected to be substitute until the last 20 minutes, then come on and perform miracles."

Simic's development has been built around constant practice of ball skills, mainly at the urging of his older brother Mike.

"When I was younger I spent many hours with Mike, learning a particular skill and practising a movement time and time again."

With J.U.S.T. on the lookout to promote youth into its team for the 1981 season Simic should be one of the lucky ones and his dream to play in J.U.S.T.'s first team every week should soon be realised.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Paul Simic

"But after my week on the bench I played against Hakoah in the next game and I did well, yet I was told the next week that I was on the bench again and I realised that I would never get a fair go so I made up my mind to move."

Simic was undecided about his future as he was torn between transferring to J.U.S.T. or to Provisional League club Carlton Serbia.

"A friend of mine, Danny Acevski, was at J.U.S.T. and he talked me into joining him. Danny had played with the Makedonia reserves for a year before realising that there was little future for him there."

"I was sorry to leave my friends at Makedonia but when I saw what little future I had there I just had to move away."

### READERS' FORUM

#### Cut the PSL in half

SIR, — With the present season grinding to a close, I am urged to write to Soccer Action to voice my opinions and fears about what is happening to our game and about its immediate future as one of the football codes in Australia. In taking stock, my views and comments may be shared by the diminishing number of fans who, while not being committed to any one club, are still active followers of the game.

In not wishing to detract from the reporting of your lead writers, Mike Johnson, Rale Rasic and Laurie Schwab, or the other well-meaning soccer scribes attached to national newspapers, their reports carry little impact to any but the totally convinced.

They are neither known nor read by the general English-speaking public. A splash of star-billed added to sensationalism and controversy sell papers, something sadly lacking at the moment. As any worthy businessman will tell you, the power of the media, be it TV, radio or the Press, will have even a greater influence on all our lives during the 1980's.

Firstly a few hard facts:

1. We must accept that for now and in the immediate future, all players with our premier league clubs (I will call it the Australian Soccer League, with Phillips becoming disenchanted with lack of response to their sponsorship) are only part-timers; so too are club administrators. Therefore we can only expect part-time performances and presentation.

while State Government assistance.

4. The obvious lack of harmony between the ASF, most State Federations and our 'acquired' marketers in setting positive directives and policies.

What are our main objectives, immediate and long-term?

The immediate are two-fold. Both involve structuring to meet the needs of the two major tournaments that will involve Australia over the next 24 months.

Firstly qualification to the World Cup final rounds in Spain in 1982, and secondly a totally professional presentation of the 1981 world youth Cup, where Australia will be under the clinical eye of the Australian public and the world at large.

The long-term objective must be the structuring of competitions throughout the States that gives all clubs a similar chance of progress. This progress 'tree' should grow from juniors, schools and universities, through the local amateur leagues, the State Leagues to the pinnacle of the Australian League.

I see the actions needed in meeting these objectives as being —

Shorten the Phillips Australian Soccer League season by reducing the competition to two divisions of 10 clubs each.

This can be best achieved by relegating the bottom four teams from the present league and supplementing them with six new clubs to form a Division 2. The six new applicants must be thoroughly screened, with emphasis placed more on sound management, ground facilities and potential spectator appeal rather than on so-called 'big name' star player promises or the financial influence of club officers.

Here I envisage that the net must be spread wider, since it is highly doubtful that Sydney or Melbourne could sustain more than five clubs in each centre within the two divisions.

Certainly Wollongong and a Tasmanian club side are a must, but what about a club team from WA where at

second to none facilities and given some measure of success could command attendances comparable with some of the current PSL clubs.

I see this proposal as concentrating the best teams and the best players in the top division. Two-up, two-down will ensure greater interest overall and a better chance of spectator appeal.

With our heavy commitment to the World Cup qualification, the thought of summer soccer must be shelved until 1983 at the earliest, if ever. An analysis of attendances at either early season matches in March or in mid and late October would indicate that soccer does not hold any more attraction at these times than in the winter months. Moreover the lack of proper floodlight facilities at most grounds makes such a proposition unmanageable at the moment.

I would advocate that the shortened season commences with a two-legged (alternate home and away) knock-out League Cup competition involving only the 20 league clubs during April, to be followed by the 18-week league competitions from May through to mid-September, interspersed by early rounds of our version of the English FA Cup (set weekend dates, please, from now on) involving more local State League teams. Later rounds of Cup competition can then play in September after the league competitions and climaxing with the final on the first weekend in October.

This date would be fixed so that it becomes as traditional as the FA Cup final (the first Saturday in May). A neutral ground must be the permanent venue for the show-piece game, either the Sydney Cricket Ground or Olympic Park, Melbourne, providing this venue is not the home ground of one of the league teams.

This date would not clash with the grand finals of the other football codes which could help media saturation around Australia, eventuating in direct telecasting of the 'big day' to all other States.

The top-four competition can be expanded. Please visit

no real interest in this nonevent!

I believe this shorter season will benefit all concerned.

With both championships and relegation at stake, interest would be maintained. It will also allow more time for the national squad to group at training camps and place less strain on the work commitments of our part time players.

A separate committee, independent of the ASF would be sole administrators of the major two-division league and the League Cup, whose tasks would include a decision by vote of the fortune of the bottom pair each season seeking re-election.

The Australian Soccer Cup (our equivalent to the FA Cup), international and interstate matches would still come under the direct control of the ASF, with close liaison with State Federations.

Crowds on the terraces are the very life-blood of any professional or semi-professional sport.

The Australian Soccer League matches would normally need to be held on Sundays, with State Leagues generally held on Saturdays (surely a Soccer Pools requirement) to eliminate unnecessary rivalry for attracting spectators.

Exceptions would always have to be considered where a particular centre has two or more local clubs.

Here home fixture clashes must be avoided by using Saturdays, or Friday or Saturday evenings if proper floodlight facilities at the home team's venue exist, enabling each centre to 'double up' on spectator appeal to the top league games.

If it is accepted that the majority of our present top sides have a reliance on a hard core of between 1500 and 3500 supporters, then there is a need to increase the numbers of 'floating' patrons — very few indeed at the moment!

I count myself among these 'floaters', most of whom I have established are like myself — ex-players usually of British or Northern European descent, seeking only to watch

tralian-born, who at present feel alienated attending most soccer grounds, yet admit to avid fans of the 'Match of the Day' each week!

Moreover some early research must be undertaken on ways to commute the few fanatical fans around the various centres to away games. This season I have observed supporters of Brisbane City, Canberra City, Marconi and naturally Newcastle following their team at grounds in other cities. These are the fans the top clubs should consider first and foremost in the hope that their numbers will grow sufficiently so that regular travel by charter bus or air at a cheap package cost would be attractive.

Certainly no player can perform at his peak in front of empty terraces and his and the team's performances are lifted by crowd support and reaction.

Here club management is much at fault. Most do precious little to capture the interest of the noncommitted.

Programmes with players' pen-pictures are a must; so too is the club's fixture list for the season. It is most frustrating watching a visiting team's outstanding players not being absolutely certain who they are!

Additionally, PA systems used at most grounds border on the hopeless. All announcements should be in English, the language the majority can understand.

Publicity officers, like those employed by Heidelberg United, are a must in selling the club and the game. All areas of the media must be kept well informed of club events, team selection and corporate decisions within the club. Surely the clubs can learn from Australian Rules in adopting simple marketing ploys that place their clubs and their players in the limelight.

Finally a word on market strategies. A major Australian (emphasis on Australian) marketing consultant must be engaged to research and evaluate possible penetration; where, when and by whom. In this regard I believe not enough is done by our top play-

part timers, they must start to market themselves, endorse products and pay lip service to avid fans of the game, i.e. Philips. Even the employment of professional agents would need to be considered.

The formation of an Australian-wide Soccer Players' Union would certainly assist, not only in the varied aspects of marketing, but in contracts, transfers, minimum wage, financial assistance and re-employment.

Long-term sponsorship by leading commercial concerns must be undertaken. Leading finance corporations, banks, insurance companies, large manufacturing firms, mining consortiums should be approached. Household names as sponsors all adds to publicity for our game. However, each possible outlet must be fully vetted, if only to avoid the embarrassment one leading Sydney club almost found itself in through the collapse of VIP Insurance.

In conclusion, unless there is a concerted effort to formulate a proper and acceptable administration policy and to correctly structure competitions, then the strides taken in the mid-seventies would have been wasted. It will need a great deal of soul-searching and compromise by all factors within the game if we are to get it right. After all that is what the players are trying to do each week!

— PETER SANINNO, Caulfield, Vic.

#### Stop fining amateurs

SIR, — After months of campaigning for a, no fines for amateur players rule to be brought into the VSF constitution, and running into a brick wall, I am now non-committal so-called officials. I was hoping to get some public support through "Soccer Action".

I don't know if the VSF has any idea of how many young and old players they turn off the game by these ridiculous fines. I have lost two top up-and-coming players, both 19, because of the VSF's grab-money-at-all-costs attitude.

the district league, sometimes called the 'rag and bone league' for the shabby way clubs are treated. The reason most players play district soccer is that they work on Saturdays to make money, so losing money on Sundays doesn't appeal to many of them.

Ian Cochrane and Jimmy Currell two of the top young players at North Melbourne this year, will be quitting at the end of our games this season.

I've been building the team at North around youth and I've never been happier coaching a team with so much young talent. Yet in a fit of madness the VSF knock the guts out of my enthusiasm by taking \$45 from young kids whose only crime has been playing soccer with a lot of untidiness and ineptness. In both cases they've been their first send-off.

Surely the only punishment for a player who plays for the love of the game should be suspension. After all, they are delinquents for making money, especially in the District League.

I have written to FIFA and I'm still waiting for a reply regarding the fining of amateurs. I was hoping the "action" might find out how many clubs or players feel the fining of amateurs is holding the game back; on get a quote from somebody at "Soccer House" if there's anybody there. The only quote I could get was from a leading soccer identity who says, and I quote: "They have a staff of six in Soccer House and they have other commitments. They've got to make money somehow."

Well, if this is the case, why don't they get off their backsides and promote some game, or generate some worthwhile sponsorship, but for heavens' sake stop robbing the kids and the battlers in the game.

We've been around enough state league players to know that very few if any pay their fines, so come on, "Soccer Action", live up to your name and let's do something for the game. We're busy in touch with 14 amateur sports of all kinds and none of their disciplinary measures include money fines to individuals.

— JOHN "SHOCKER"





**RALE  
RASIC**

# Chile, Hungary, Yugoslavia and now Kiwis

I hope you all settled back and had a good belly-laugh when you read last week that Australia wouldn't be playing New Zealand after all.

That match was to have been played on 24 September at the request of New Zealand but the ASF turned it down because it would clash with league fixtures.

Then came the news that both countries had agreed to play on 29 October.

At first the venue was uncertain but then it was announced that Melbourne would play host.

Last week we heard that the New Zealand Federation had called off the game after its national team had lost 0-4 and 0-3 to Canada on its tour.

How can such things happen between countries which pride themselves on the so-called progress they are making in sport? It seems to me they have no respect for each other whatsoever.

But it goes further than just the New Zealand game, of course. Remember those games that we were supposed to have had against Chile, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Scotland and Real Madrid?

I extend my sincere congratulations to

Sydney on having won the 1980 Phillips League championship and on once again having shown itself to be the steadiest and most consistent team Australia had had in the past 10 years.

However, I was disappointed to read in an article by Brian Curran in the "Sydney Morning Herald" after Sydney City's match against Adelaide City in the second-last round, statements which simply weren't true.

The article was an interview with Sydney City's manager David Childs, who had not been at the match. Mr Childs claimed Murray Barnes had been sent off apparently because he kicked his team mate Kevin Muller (curious indeed). The fact is however, that Muller was sitting on the bench when Barnes was sent off and that Barnes's clash had been with Glen Dods.

It's time this type of hogwash stopped. I said to Sydney City boss Andrew Lederer before the game that there was no way Sydney City could win, as Adelaide City was playing top football towards the end of the season. We won fairly and squarely, so there should have been no attempt at making excuses.

In his excellent "Soccer Action" column a few weeks ago, Mike Johnson claimed in his analysis of Australia's top 10 coaches that I

have a tendency to spend heavily on the transfer market to buy success.

The fact is, that over my 13 years of management, with six clubs, I have spent only \$80,000 on transfers.

And during that period, the clubs concerned made a total of \$117,000 on transfers — a profit of \$37,000.

Here is the breakdown:  
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Bought no players.  
MELBOURNE: Bought no players.  
ST GEORGE: Bought Jack Reilly for \$5000 which was recouped when he was sold to Hakoah (Vic) and Doug Utjesenovic for \$5000 — not a bad price for a player who has given 10 years' service.

MARCONI: Over five years spent \$44,000 and got \$71,000 back. Players bought: Peter Wilson and Max Tolson, Mark Jankovics, Peter Ollerton, Stuart Selva, plus Brankovic, Carrizo, Kimmell and Ernie Campbell. In addition, Prskalo and Vieri came from overseas.  
Wilson and Tolson cost \$8000 between them, yet I sold Wilson to Safeway Utd for \$10,000 and Tolson to Croatia for \$4000.  
Rooney cost \$1500 and I believe he went to Heidelberg for almost \$10,000.  
Russell cost \$4000 and was sold for \$10,000.

Ollerton cost \$8000 but the money came back when he went to Footscray. Selva was signed free and sold to Blacktown for \$8000. Mark Jankovics cost \$7500 and according to Mike Johnson's calculations he now is worth \$50,000.

At Pan Hellenic I invested only \$10,000 on three players — Tunman, Rudic and Ilic and got Gnani at no cost from overseas. Gnani was sold later to St George for about \$9000.  
At Adelaide City I invested \$16,000 on Russell, Kent and Jones and the club got back \$32,500 from the sale of other players.

Isn't it curious that the Phillips Cup semi-final between Adelaide City and Heidelberg was decided on penalties yet when the Cup final finished in a draw, it was decided to have a replay?

I wonder why some leading soccer-minded papers were not invited to the recent Press conference about the Phillips League grand final. Do only the papers that write the "right" stories get such invitations?

Well done, Newcastle. Its match against Singapore in Singapore will be televised in Newcastle on 25 October.

## Ron Smith top coach, double to Hermiston

Jim Hermiston had made it a double by being voted Queensland's Player of the Year by that State's branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The awards were announced last Friday night at the Association's presentation night at Perry Park. Guest speaker was Australian Soccer Federation marketing head, Rik Booth.

Hermiston, who earlier had captured the 1980 "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award, won in a close vote from Brisbane City Soccer, Steve Perry.

But Hermiston won because it was felt his club form at Brisbane Lions was far superior to that of any other player in Queensland this year.

The Press acknowledged Perry's continual selection in the national side by presenting him with a special recognition trophy.

Other players to receive votes in the Player of the Year award were Paul Ontong and Ron Millman (Brisbane Lions) and David Ratcliff (Brisbane City).

Hermiston won the Player of the Year award in Queensland in 1977, Perry

By BRUCE WADDELL

followed in 1978 and George Potter won last year.

Former Brisbane City PSL midfielder, Brian Kibbey, won the State League Player of the Year award. Votes for this were supplied weekly by soccer writers around the State and Kibbey won by one vote from Mareeba United's young star, Paul Trovalusci.

Kibbey has played for Bundaberg club across the waves during the first two seasons of the Queensland State League. Trovalusci earned consolation by being named the league's best and fairest player in an award conducted each year by the Brisbane "Courier-Mail".

Trovalusci, who also won a trophy for being the league's leading striker with 15 goals from 18 matches, looks certain to play for Brisbane Lions next year.

Dave Nugent, who spent most of the season controlling PSL matches, was named Referee of the Year.

And in a surprise, Queensland Director of Coaching, Ron Smith was named Coach of the Year.

The State League honors were shared evenly and there was no clear-cut

contender among Grange Thistle's George Pagan (whose team won the grand final), Mt Gravatt's Fred Robins (State League championship) and Townsville United's Tim White (Anpol Cup).

Smith emerged the winner after leading Queensland to its first success in the national under-16 championships in Canberra.

He also went close with the Under-19's in the national youth titles, just missing out on the semi-finals after his team was defeated in the lead-up games.

And Smith was also in charge of the Queensland team which produced a splendid 2-2 draw with Milan earlier this season.

Brisbane City's Barry Kelso did not attend the function to receive a trophy for being Queensland's leading PSL goalscorer.

Kelso had been under tremendous pressure leading up to the final relegation-saving match against Canberra City, and said he had broken down after the game.

He added he could not bare to have anything more to do with soccer this year and wanted a complete break. After being asked if he would continue with City, he said he had not given the matter any thought.



Queensland's top PSL scorer, Barry Kelso climbs high above Marconi opponents to head goalwards.



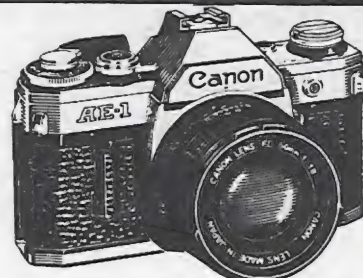
Our picture of the week was taken by E.C. Almiron of 2 Shorts Rd., Coburg, Vic., 3058. It shows Jorge Rubio scoring a penalty for Hotham United against Clayton goalkeeper Robin Hood.

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# 1980 in pictures

The Hakoah Reserves which won the Victorian Armstrong Cup and the State League Reserves championship.



Heidelberg stalwart Paddy Bannon (right) points and screams out instructions as his Sydney City opponent Mark Trenter looks a little worse for wear.



Canberra's former Australian international left back Harry Williams (left) slide tackles West Adelaide's Manecas but Williams's team mate John O'Shea has won the ball.



Heidelberg and Australian striker Gary Cole (left) heads powerfully as Brisbane Lions' keeper Nigel Lownds falls to punch clear. Lions' central defender Col Bennett seems to be ducking for cover.



Another goal to Croatia in the final of 1980 Victorian Dockerty Cup. At left is fallen Juventus defender Alex Nelson and Juventus keeper Jack Reilly looks displeased also. The only happy figure in the picture is Croatia's Carl Gilder, saluting the crowd. Picture: LES SHORROCK



The old and the new of the PSL. At left is Newcastle left back Col Curran about to be challenged by Hellas youngster Steve Blair.



Experienced George Cross defender Norm Maidland (left) prepares to challenge for a cross against Sunshine's Rob Nelson.



National team coach Rudi Gutendorf checks his watch inside the Olympic Park dressing rooms. The countdown has begun before Australia's clash with Mexico which ended in a 2-2 draw.



# Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP MAKEDONIA



**BACK:** Kire Risteovski (first aid officer); John Branov (president); Gordon Flavell (from Scotland, 1979); Gary Ward (from England, 1979); John Higham (from England, 1979); Lou Kastner (from Kellor Austria, 1979); Peter Ollerton (from J.U.S.T., 1980); Stuart Cunningham (from Scotland, 1979); Brian Edgley (coach); Nick Bashov (team manager).

**FRONT:** Rob Cullen (from George Cross, 1979); Steve Bosch (from England, 1978); Mike Reaney (from Hibernian, 1979); Gordon McMillan (from Azzurri, Perth, 1978); Lubbo Petronski (from Hapag Prague, 1978); Gordon McMillan (from juniors); Jeff Faulkner (from England, 1978); Claude Lucchesi (from Juventus, 1979).

Makedonia was formed in 1967 but had to wait until 1961 to gain its first major honour — the Second Division South title. The club's list of credits are impressive: Metro First Division 1966-75; Metro Second Division champion 1973; Federation Cup winner 1973, 74; Cumberland Cup Winner 1975; State League champion 1980. With its league triumph this year the club has gained the momentum which it hopes will take it into the 1981 PSL. Makedonia's application for PSL membership is backed by the club's extensive plans to provide seating for 1500 to 2000 spectators and cover for 1500 to 2000 at Connor Reserve. An excellent social club will be officially opened on 17 October on land owned by one of the club's companies, PMSC Makedonia Holdings Pty. Ltd.



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# QUIEN MAL ANDA... MAL ACABA... UN CLASICO TRISTE Y SIN FINAL.

## KICKS

El pasado domingo se pretendió hacer jugar un partido de futbol a los equipos del WEST MELBOURNE S.C. y BURNLEY S.C. lamentablemente por estar bajo los efectos de una serie de antibióticos antiinflamatorios, NO FUIMOS a ver el partido, y poder dar a Uds. una verdadera y real versión de lo ocurrido. HAY RESPONSABLES, que no son los jugadores, y que lamentablemente por no haber estado presente NO PODAMOS NOMBRAR.

Por eso, mas que una cronica este es un mensaje a los JUGADORES.

El partido fue abandonado a los 20 minutos del segundo tiempo, cuando el BURNLEY ganaba 2 a 1. Un jugador español, fue expulsado y al negarse a abandonar el campo, luego de haberse lesionado y varias expresiones ofensivas se decidio dar por terminado el partido, cuando el BURNLEY se negaba a continuar.

Todos los jugadores de AMBOS EQUIPOS, nos han manifestado que en ese campo NO DEBERIA HABERSE JUGADO, y que ese partido tampoco tenia ninguna razon de ser. Cuando preguntamos y porque han jugado...???, las respuestas son imposibles de reproducir algunas por lo fuerte y otras por lo evasivas. En decir, los jugadores, ahora que todo a terminado SE DAN CUENTA QUE FRENTE A LA OPINION PUBLICA son ellos los RESPONSABLES. Y a los cuales se les ha de colgar una vez mas el San Benito de "esos del futbol siempre se pelean".

RECIBEN ABRAZO DE DAN CUENTA. Ahora que es tarde.

El no haber estado presente, nos elimina como para poder hacer luz y aclarar A QUIEN HAY QUE HACER RESPONSA BLE, de haberse jugado Y PORQUE. Pero, en este caso ca da uno de los jugadores, puede hacer un examen de conciencia. EN LA MAYORIA DE LAS INSTANCIAS, el futbol es tenido como "UN MAL NECESARIO", y sin duda son mas los que estan en contra que a favor. Eso el JUGADOR lo debe saber, PARA NO DEJARSE USAR.

AL FUTBOL, hay que jugar, DONDE SE DEBE, CUANDO SE DE BE Y BAJO LAS GARANTIAS NECESARIAS. Solo asi, el prestigio de los jugadores ha de ser respetado, porque HOY SON LOS NOMBRES DE LOS JUGADORES y no de los responsables, los que estan en la picota del publico. Un publico que esta mas para destruir, que para otra cosa.

LOS JUGADORES del BURNLEY y del WEST MELBOURNE, han aprendido una leccion. Los 22, son los "chibos empujados" de algo que no se debia haber hecho, y se hizo, porque LOS JUGADORES no han sabido darse su lugar. Se equivocaron, es inutil que SOCCER ACTION escriba 100 paginas sobre Uds. si Uds., los propios jugadores NO SABEN HACERSE RESPETAR.

Porque los queremos de verdad, no importa la camiseta que visten, vamos a estar juntos el viernes 21 de noviembre, pueda ser que despues de esa noche, Uds. los propios jugadores, entiendan mucho mas, que es respeto y que es "dejarlos usar". UN ABRAZO A TODOS y a los 22 del domingo pasado, olvidense y pronto LA CULPA NO ES DE USTEDES....

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Resulta que los jugadores de Reserva, juzgados por el Comité de Futbol de cada Club y la Direccion Tecnica, tambien UNO POR EQUIPO, tendra su premio...

Sera cierto que TONY ALVAREZ, el actor español que interpreta al cantor AGUSTIN MAGALDI, ha de ser uno de los invitados...

Ademas la proxima semana se han de saber los tres nombres, que RECIBIRAN UN HOMENAJE ESPECIAL, por sus servicios al FUTBOL, en Australia, habra lagrimas y mas de una SORPRESA, ninguno de los tres NI SIQUERA IMAGINA DE QUE SE TRATA....

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RUIZ, MOYANO, NAVARRO, LETRAN, CHICHO LOPEZ, GRANDE, BILLOTTA, noooo, esos no... y algunos otro tampoco.....

Se supo que don ORLANDO INVERNIZZI, alquilo un llamativo smoking, y llevara clavete celeste a la solapa... Danton Roussou, el delegado del HOTHAM UNITED, esta tomando clases de baile, el 21 los mató.....



Burnley S.C., in the historic final of the District Cup at Olympic Park.

y WEST BRUNSWICK, se han de reunir con los organizadores a los efectos de comenzar la venta de las tarjetas y servir de coordinadores con cada uno de los equipos. Por otra parte, tres gratissimas sorpresas han de ser conocidas en forma oficial, dichas sorpresas han de contribuir a que la noche del Viernes 21 tome un caracter de inolvidable y por la jerarquia a alcanzar, sin duda, a de contribuir a marcar, todo un nivel. La proxima semana, en forma amplia se dara a publicidad todo lo relacionado a la Gran Noche y desde ese momento todo a de comenzar a vivir el clima tan especial, nombres, posibilidades, y todo cuanto merecen nuestros JUGADORES DE FUTBOL.

**Basic to stay?**

*Affable Rale Basic may remain with Adelaide City for the 1981 season.*

*A group of City supporters are willing to put up the money to keep him in Adelaide.*

*A strain on City's finances appeared to end Basic's successful two year association with the club.*

*But this new bid could overcome that problem.*

*However the success of the plan won't be known for a few weeks yet.*

*In an interview in "The News", Basic said: "It's nice to know you are wanted, and that you are appreciated, but at this stage I can't commit myself to anything here or interstate."*

*"And let me make it clear I have no complaints about the club or the committee since I've been here."*

*"Every promise has been kept and no-one has interfered with my running of the team."*

*Basic said he had received offers from interstate clubs but it was an inappropriate time to talk about them.*

*He will remain in Adelaide until the end of the year so his children can complete their school year.*

*"By then we should know what our plans will be for next year," he said.*

*Basic has been linked with Canberra, Sydney Olympic, Marconi and APIA.*

# ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Barnes 63rd) WEST ADELAIDE 0. Crowd 2,900.

**ADELAIDE CITY:** Marshall 9 — Melta 7, Jones 8, Parin 8, B. Nyakohus 7, Russell 7, Muniz (Signore 48th), Marochi 7, Northcott 8, J. Nyakohus 7, Barnes 8.

**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook 9, Tymczyszyn 8, Topaz 7, Forde 7, Bozanic 8, McGechay 8, Norris 6, Honeymann 6 (Marlic 48th), McGregor 7, Kosmina 6, Manecas 7.

Adelaide City further emphasised West Adelaide's troubled season with a 1-0 win in the second leg of the Essort Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium. The victory gave City a 2-0 aggregate win.

The first leg was played mid-season at Olympic Sports Field.

West won the Cup in 1978 when the competition, played exclusively between the two sides, began, while City beat West 5-2 over the two legs last year.

The loss was a cruel blow to West which played very well until the 61st minute when Colin Barnes scored the solitary goal after he robbed Manecas of the ball and fired a good shot from inside the penalty area.

In the first half Peter Marshall stopped two certain goals within minutes after Vic Bozanic and Ian McGregor looked like breaking through.

While Marshall was in spectacular form early, Martyn Crook matched him at the other end with several brilliant saves.

In a season in which little went right for his team, Crook can be very happy with his efforts.

He must surely be in the Soccer square which leaves next month on the world tour.

The pity is that Marshall probably will miss out, yet quite clearly, he is a notch above Leichhardt's Greg Woodhouse.

While City were delighted with having received the \$3000 winners cheque (West earned \$2000), the win was costly.

Midfielder Aggie Muniz damaged a shoulder in the first half and could be struggling to fully recover for the Ampol Cup in January. — MENO TOUTSIDIS

# ZIKA NIKOLIC

**PRIPREMA ZA VICTORIA CUP**

Od osam ucesnika, jedino se J.U.S.T.1. Juventas prelino odmaraju do poratice Victoria Kupa. Makedonija, trenera Stojanov, Cirkovic i Kolar, imaju mnogo zabrinuti, cak smatraju da ce ovaj predah dobro doci svim igracima. Ipak, naca biti ave ostavljeno sluzajci. Zahvaljano je trening utakmica sa Slavijom, u sredu 15. oktobra, na JUST-ovom igralistu. Pocerat u 8.45 po podne. Blice to prva provara posle raspisa Finala sezone. Trener Cirkovic smatra da je ovo odlicna prilika da se isprobaju talentovani igraci iz drugog tima. Na moci da ce stari asovci biti zamenjeni ili oclibeni. Tak pocto se dobro ispu taju sopstveni snovi i mogucnosti, maza se poveriti na pocetku igračkog kadra sa starijima. "Plavi" imaju nekoliko ponuda, ali na za ona mesta koji su najvaznija. Trazi se izraziti centarfor, a gde ga ne, kada ga dva trefine klubova namaju.

Na pitanje, da li su moguce pojave iz Jugoslavije, nije dati odredjen odgovor. Verovatno, jer se niko nikje ponudio, posto Austrija nije narocito primamljiva za ambiciozne igrace, koji su prepravili zapednu Evropu, gde sau Jugosloveni na dobrom glasu kada igraju za inostrane klubove.

**MAKEDONIJA OTVARA SOCIJALNI DOM**

U ovaj godisnji Makedonija je otvorila dve velika zula. Osvajala po prvi put prvenstvo Viktorije, a ovog petka otvara Socijalni klub, koji ce biti garancija bolje buducnosti ovog kluba. Na Olympic Parku derbi utakmica izmedju Makedonije i Croatije zavrila se nerazeno 2:2 (1:1). Croatija je bila bliza pobedi, kada je poverla sa 2:1, ali je u zavrstici Makedonija opravdala nazu samopona za ovu godinu. U velikom finalu ponovo ce se sastati dva kluba sa istim ugledima na uspeh. U sredu na Olympic Parku, Hakoah ima priliku da porazi recimo Makedoniju, sto bi bilo dozdaj godinu. Ove utakmica pocinje u 7 sati ureda, dok se Croatia i Green Gully sastaju u 8.45 pm.

# NEZASLUZEN PORAZ J.U.S.T.-a U METROPOLITAN KUPU

Drugi tim JUST-a potpuno nadigrado Dovetona, ali je od brojnih senal lakotio samo jednu u 10. minutu, kada je Perle Simic iz gure porbio lad Na arecu, kako je Doveton igraci, nikada ne bi postigao gol, da nije nastalo pravo "bristansko nevremeno". Otvorilo se nebo i igraliste je postalo pravo kiltaziste. "Plavi" su se kao golazdravi polci zbio oko svog gola, sto je Doveton lakotio da imalo nekoliko kornera, od kojih ne bi bilo niata da se sudije nije umasao i u 85. minutu izviro jedanaesterac zbog napucane lopte. To je bila jedina senala, koju je Doveton lakotio da nezaluzeno izjednači. Sudije je nastalo da donose pogresne odluke, cinise je ispravno igrač. JUST-a. Na proteste je odgovarao stari kartonima, lako je Doveton igraci prijavio. Na britansku prifidnost golman Ciric odgovara balkanskim besnolom, zbog cega je zaradio crveni karton. U producatku, lako bez jednog igrača, JUST nastavlja sa pritiskom i stvara niz nelakofesnih senal. Onda Dany Acecki ponavlja stari grešku, koje je njgov tim akupo koratal vase puta. Sa 40 metara jak udarac vraca lopta ovom golmanu, koji je drizao od trama. Iste ja korac noge golmana Vidica uletela u mrežu, dok je on skamenjeno gledao. Jos jedanput je Acecki ponovio ovaj "podvig", ali nije postigao autogol! "Plavi" se nisu predavali i pet minuta pre kraja sudije ih je jos jedanput osteteno, kada nije kasuilo odjednom jedanaesti tim igrač. JUST-a. Nastavljao je u 1.45 pm pocinje drugo polufinale izmedju Carlton/Straja i Altona United. "B". Pobednici se sastaju u finalu kasnije po podne latog dana.

Nasretni Dany Acecki, koji je najmnje zeleo ovakav obrt, dobice na finalu ovaj utakmicni medalju kao najbolji igrac drugo divizije.

Z vrma utakmica J.U.S.T.-a — Doveton u Springvale, takmičili su se la-kotestarci, koje je trenirao Billy Rice, bivai kapiten JUST-a i reprezentacije Viktorije i Austrije.

# TURNIR VOJVODINE U ALTONI

U prvom kolu postignuti su sledeci rezultati: Altona United "B" — Portland 2:1, Carlton/Straja — Hindon 1:0, Aquila Breda vs West Melbourne, Altona United "A" — Melta 1:1 posle producatka od 10 minuta. Altona United "A" je pobedila na jedanaesterce sa 2:0. Junaki ove utakmice bio je Stan Paeka, koji je odbranio tri penala. Istica medalju na Primula Reserve, Altona United, igra se prvo polufinale izmedju Altona United "A" i Aquila Breda u podne. U 1.45 pm pocinje drugo polufinale izmedju Carlton/Straja i Altona United. "B". Pobednici se sastaju u finalu kasnije po podne latog dana.

# TURNIR PLAGOV DUNAJA U PARKMORU

U medalju po podne 19. oktobra od 9.30 casova pr pocinje drugi turnir "Plavog Dunaja" na igralistu i Kayabourgh, uscu Chapel i Honeleigh Roads (My. 94 B.1). Prosla godina je Bratsvo i Jedinstvo osvadjilo pehar, koji ostaje vlasnik, dok ce sa ove godine boriti za mnogo veli i skupiji, ali pralazni pehar. Na turniru ucestvujaju sledeci timovi: PLAVI DUNAJ "A" i "B" Melbourne, Carlton/Straja "A" i "B", BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO, Gaskong i Coles. Zreb ce se obaviti 15 minuta pre pocetka turnira. Pobednici ulaze u polufinale, dok se igraju u medalju 20. oktobra.

# AMATERSKO FINALE

Posle niza odtaganja i polufinalnog reza protiv favorita "Bratsvo/Jedinstvo", odrnajo je amatersko finale izmedju South Melbourne Eaglesa i Springvale Utd. (Bratsvo/Jedinstvo) prosla nedelja. Nazume se, pobedilo je South se Melbourne Eagles sa 2:2, posle producatka od pola sata. BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO je uletelo u istu klopu kao drugi tim J.U.S.T.-a protiv Dovetona dan ranije. Dva puta je Bratsvo/Jedinstvo vodilo, da bi protivnik obo puta izjednačio. Prvi put iz sumnjivog jedanaesterca, a drugi put u 98. oba puta izjednačio gol bio postignut rukom. Pre toga je sudija izviro indirekt umesto jedanaesterca, kad je Mileniko Culbrk htio da sutra u gol sa osam metara. Ali i bez toga, Bratsvo/Jedinstvo je mogao da odigra pobadu,

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# Eagles fly with Berrie & Brown

## MELITA EAGLES 3 CANTERBURY 2, NSW semi-final.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 6, G. Brown 6, Penman 8, Barbourtiss 8, N. Williams 6, Hall 9, Basterfield 6, R. Brown 8, Byles 8, Kable 7, Ramisch 6.

MELITA: Greedy 8, McDonald 7, (sub W. Parker 73rd), Darvill 6, Mikas 6, Juchlewicz 7, R. Williams 7, Farrugia 8, Allan 8, Stoddart 9, Jones 7, Berry 7.

Referee - P. Rampley 9.  
Scorers - Melita - Farrugia (pen) 54th, Allan 77th, Richie Williams 81st, Canterbury - Hall 16th, 44th.

Ground - Sydney Sports Ground.  
Weather - Wet.

Canterbury must still be having nightmares over this, the game they let escape out of their grasp.

If ever a team had the golden chance to move into this week's grand final to face Sydney Olympic, it was the Berries.

They were two goals in the lead at half time and had Melita on its knees and begging for mercy.

This was achieved by straightforward no-nonsense football.

While Melita fooled around and carved pretty patterns by square passing and negative football, the Berries adopted the attitude that the quickest way between two points is a straight line - or to be more precise a no-nonsense quick pass forward.

And with big George Barbourtiss and Norm Penman effectively blocking the middle at the back, this worked a treat for Canterbury in the first half.

It did not allow Melita to settle and the Eagles were never in it.

During this period former youth international Craig Hall helped himself to two great goals.

In this match, Hall came back to his best and showed the form that has been expected from him for the past two seasons.

What this youngster needs is to be with a team with a very strict and demanding coach.

If Craig Hall had the whip cracked at him regularly throughout the season, he would be one of the most ex-

iting and devastating strikers in Australian soccer, and a regular member of the Socceroo team.

His first goal in the 16th minute was as good an effort as you would wish to see anywhere.

Greg Byles whipped a centre over from the right and from 20 metres Hall turned on the ball and hit it into the net on the volley, while surrounded by Melita defenders.

His second in the 44th minute was an opportunistic effort and he pounced on a bad clearance from the Melita defence to crash the ball into the back of the net with a strong drive.

At this stage, Canterbury looked good and Melita looked a beaten team.

After the interval, a number of the Berries players tried to go it alone and started playing for themselves.

The main culprits here were midfielders Jim Basterfield and Neil Williams.

This pair persisted on trying to "show off" and this caused them to get set into Canterbury's play.

Melita was quick to take advantage of this - especially experienced midfielder John Stoddart.

Stoddart, ably helped by Ray Farrugia, grabbed command of the midfield and Melita was back in business.

Its first goal came from a penalty by Farrugia in the 54th minute after Don Allan had been pushed in the penalty area.

Allan himself grabbed the equaliser in the 77th minute after Stoddart had carved a big hole in the Berries defence.

Then, the all important winner came in the 81st minute when Richie Williams hit one home from close in.

The spade-work for this goal

was done by Farrugia on the left.

In the end, Melita deserved its win, for its ability to capitalise on the stupidity of Canterbury.

After this win Melita will give Sydney Olympic a run for its money in this week's final. As for Canterbury, well, it has to feel a touch of sorrow for its hard working captain-coach George Barbourtiss who tried his heart out.

Unfortunately he was let down at the crucial moment by one or two players lacking self-discipline.

And in final series football, when this happens, it's the end of the ball game - as Canterbury found out.



Dr Don Hagarty, area director of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Parramatta, returns passports to Ray and Katarzyna. The couple received approval to remain in Australia under the Regularisation of Status Programme (R.O.S.P.). Ray, from Malta, and Katarzyna, a Polish girl, came to Australia in August 1978 on a temporary visa to play for Melita Eagles whose vice-president is pictured at right.

# MONEY MAGIC with Michael Morley

Last week I made the Liverpool v Ipswich game the best score draw prospect of the day and in rapid succession I'm banking on the champions drawing, this week's game in their visit to neighboring Everton.

In their previous six league games at Goodison Park there was only five goals scored and form students may care to note that the scores were: 1-2, 1-0, 0-1, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0.

With little between the clubs on current form, this week's game looks sure to go close all the way and I have no hesitation in making this match my best score draw bet of the day.

Other games that look tight in the first division are at Arsenal, Crystal Palace and Manchester City. Newcomers Sunderland have already won two and are better than the ground advantage and could easily prove good enough to earn another point at Arsenal.

Crystal Palace have made a very poor start to this season and their opponents Leicester haven't done a great deal better and quite often a battle between lowly clubs ends in a draw.

Manchester City have beaten Birmingham in every one of their last six home games, but on current form the visitors look well worth following for a possible score draw. The best looking home winners in this division appear to be Coventry and Ipswich.

Moving on to the English second division we could see some close results at Luton, Newcastle and Oldham. Luton drew their last home game against Salford and on recent form we could see a similar result.

Newcastle and Swansea have both taken ten points from their first nine matches so with nothing in it on present form we could reasonably expect their game to end in a draw.

West Ham have a slightly better record than Oldham but with the ground advantage the home team looks good enough to force a draw. West Ham's previous two league games on this ground ended 0-0 and 2-2.

My best score draw selections from the third and fourth divisions of the English league are at Fulham, Huddersfield, Portsmouth,

Reading, Swindon, Hartlepool and York.

There are 16 Scottish games on this week's match list and I fancy that eight of these could go very close. My selections here are: Hearts, Kilmarnock, Dumbarton, Dundee, Falkirk, St. Johnstone, Brechin and East Fife.

My planned entry for this week covers 16 matches and if you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections. It will involve six entries of system 11 and at 50 cents each the investment is \$3.

Choose your 16 matches and then reading from left to right put your best six selections in the first six spaces on the blank line. It doesn't matter in what order you place your other 10 games.

When you have entered all your selections on the blank line use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your match numbers on to the entry forms. One final word of advice - use care in selecting your best six draws among your other matches, you would be certain of having at least four lines containing seven score draws in the entry.

Until next week, good luck and good punting.

## Victorian scores

DISTRICT LEAGUE POSTPONED GAMES:  
Bentley v Central City 3-2, reserves 2-1.  
Verona v Central City 1-1, reserves 1-1.  
Crane v North Melbourne 4-2, West Brunswick v Verona - Sat 3-4.

THE AMATEUR LEAGUE: Melbourne Uni. Amateurs v Home United 2-1, Meadow Park v Kewington Rangers 2-1, Mashed United v Latrobe University 4-0, Concord v Balaclava City 2-1, Balaclava v RMIT 2-2, Chesham v Lyndale United 0-2.

YOUTH LEAGUE - CENTRAL: Kew v Altona City 4-2, Clayton v Marston 2-2, Waverley City v Clayton City 2-0.

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West Melbourne 22 14 3 5 10 38 31  
Chesham 22 13 2 5 11 31 31  
Balaclava 22 11 6 5 11 30 30  
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## 16 MATCH PLAN

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ENGLISH LEAGUE:  
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